

NAURUAN MODAL ASPECT and PROSPECTIVE ASPECT

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1. Introduction

This is a text-based study of an aspect of Nauruan grammar that relies on publications in Nauruan dating mainly to the first half of the 20th Century, including Kayser's 1936 *Nauru Grammar*, with extensive examples from the 1918 Bible, the 1976 New Testament and other written sources. This type of linguistic study based on written sources is not unique (see 'A Grammatical Sketch of North Tanna' by Kristin Sverredal and 'Preverb Usage in Shawneee Narratives' by David J. Costa)

Any developments in contemporary Nauruan are only briefly touched on as it is not within the scope of the present study.

It is to be noted that the Nauruan reflected in the 1918 Bible and the 1976 New Testament and the language material presented in the 1936 *Nauru Grammar* are taken as valid representations of different registers of spoken Nauruan during the first half of the 20th Century.

The 1918 Bible was a culmination of 19 years of translation work by the American Protestant missionary Philip Adam Delaporte, whose mother-tongue was German, having been born in Worms (Palatine), Germany. Delaporte arrived on Nauru in 1899 and set about learning Nauruan and was helped in his translation endeavours by a number of Nauruans, notably Timothy Detudamo (later Head Chief of Nauru), Jacob Aroi (later Pastor and educator), and Deireragea (later Chief of Anibare District).¹ Apart from short periods of furlough, Delaporte was resident on Nauru from 1899 until he was excluded from returning to Nauru in 1915 while on furlough in the U.S.A. as he was viewed as a German sympathizer. He was in the U.S.A., along with Timothy Detudamo, to complete the translation work and to arrange for the printing of the Bible in the U.S.A.

The 1976 New Testament is attributed to the Roman Catholic missionary Alois Kayser, who served as a missionary to the Nauruan people between 1902 and his death due to

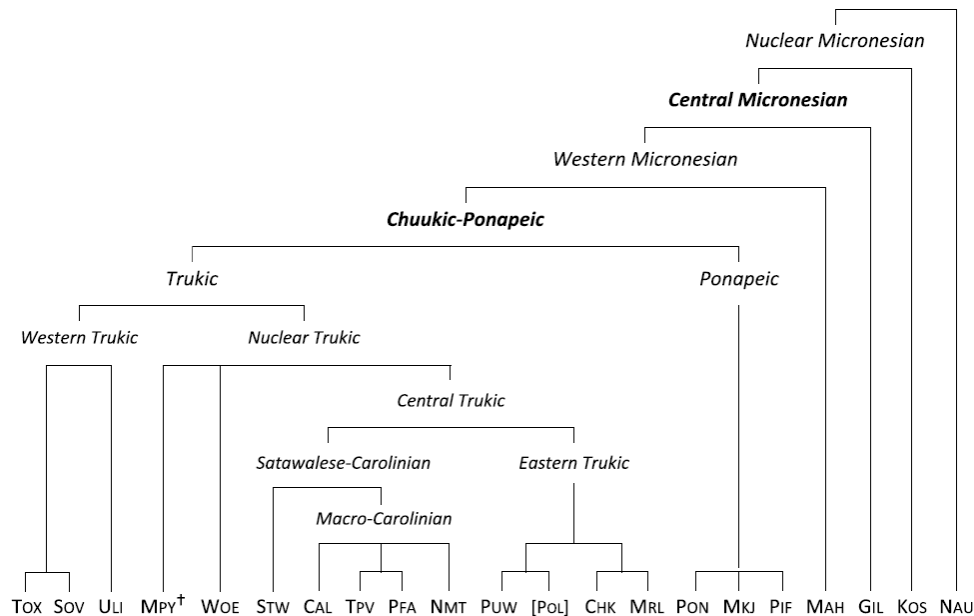
mistreatment by Japanese military authorities in 1944. He was absent for a brief period during WWI when he was required to leave Nauru by the Australian occupying forces as he held a German passport – Nauru having been a German colony between 1888 and 1914. As an Alsatian, his mother-tongue was German (Alsatian), and his citizenship status was German until 1918, then, when Alsace-Lorraine reverted to French control, he became a French citizen. He was recognized as an expert on the Nauruan language and all things Nauruan. His is the 1936 *Nauru Grammar* (apparently handed to the Nauru Administration in 1937).² On the basis of Aloys Kayser having died in 1944, I am of the mind that the 1976 New Testament was actually ready for publication prior to the occupation of Nauru by the Japanese in 1942.

There is uncertainty about the dialect situation on Nauru prior to German annexation. What is known is that in pre-colonial days there were two alliances, splitting the island into a northern alliance centered on Ewa (which included at the time what are now Nibok, Uaboe, Baitisi, Ewa, Anetan, Anabar, Ijuw, and half of Anibare districts), and a southern alliance centered on Meneng (which included at the time what are now half of Anibare, Meneng, Yaren, Boe, Buada, Aiwo, and Buada districts), while Denigomodu usually allied itself to Buada. Whether this split was also manifested in a dialectal way is not known.³

It is of interest that Delaporte set up his mission in the pre-colonial southern alliance area (Orro hamlet being situated in present day Boe district), while the Catholic mission that Kayser joined was located in the pre-colonial northern alliance area (Ana hamlet being situated in present Ewa district). So, if there were dialectal peculiarities based on the pre-colonial alliance areas, these may have been reflected in the Nauruan of Delaporte and Kayser.

The Nauruan language itself is recognized by linguists as being a divergent member of the Micronesian language family – itself a division of the Oceanic Group within the extensive Austronesian language family.⁴ As far back as 1986, Frederick H. Jackson intimated that both Nauruan and Kosraean were the earliest settled outposts of the Micronesian peoples.⁵ Researchers have not been able to pinpoint the stepping-stone of the Micronesian peoples other than they came from ‘Near Oceania’ (the Bismark Archipelago and the Solomon Islands, as well as perhaps the northern Vanuatu islands) between 1500 B.C. and 200 B.C. (Petersen 2009:39,40).

Figure 1. Phylogenetic Tree of the Micronesian Languages (from Andrea Bender and Sieghard Beller, 'Ways of counting in Micronesia', *Historia Mathematica* 56 (2021)).



Reference:

CAL = Carolinian
 CHK = Chuukese
 GIL = Kiribati
 KOS = Kosraean
 MAH = Marshallese
 MKJ = Mokilese
 MPY = Mapia (extinct)
 MRL = Mortlockese
 NAU = Nauruan
 NMT = Namonuito
 PFA = Pááfang
 PIF = Pingelapese
 POL = Pollapese (dialect continuum with Puluwatese)
 PON = Pohnpeian (including Ngatikese, which is a divergent dialect of Pohnpeian)
 PUW = Puluwatese
 SOV = Sonsorol
 STW = Satawalese
 TOX = Tobian
 TPV = Tanapag
 ULI = Ulithian
 WOE = Woleaian

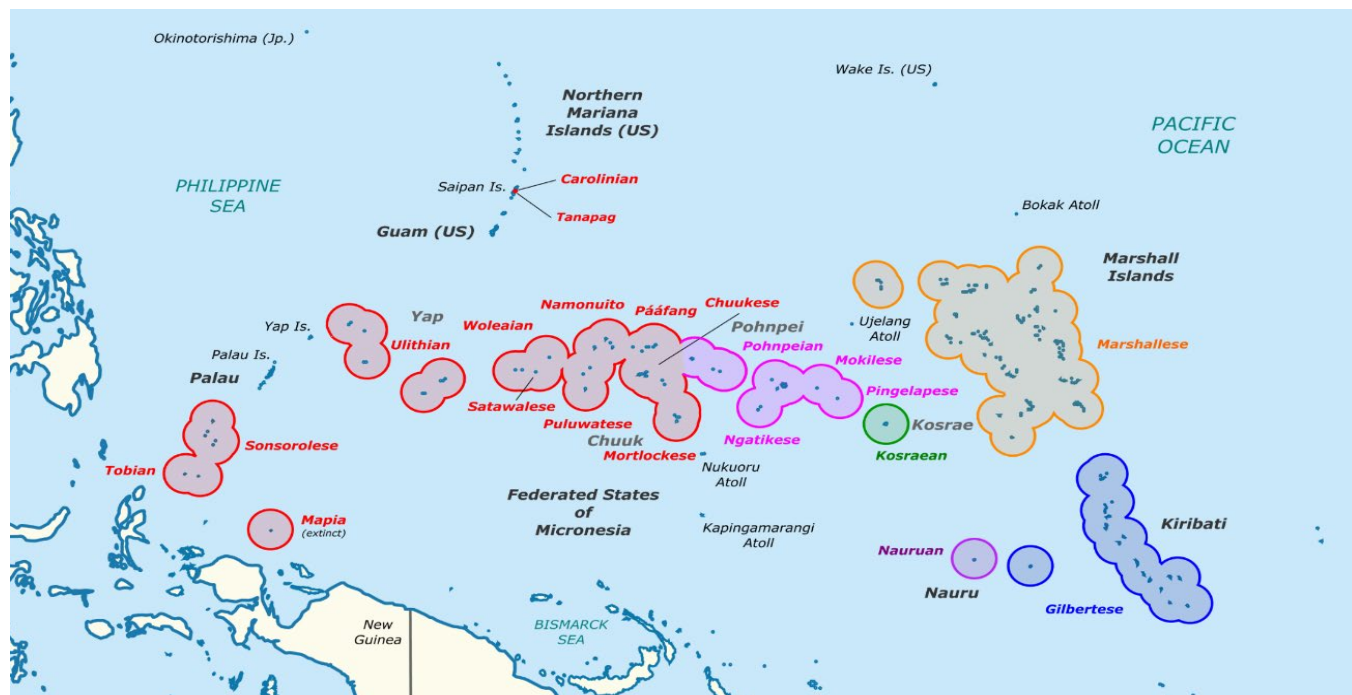
Nauru is a small island of circa 21 square kilometers (8.1 square miles) almost straddling the Equator in the Western Pacific. Until German annexation in 1888 Nauru was a sovereign polity, although it had had a small number of European/American residents of various moral propensities from the 1830s onwards, some wielding considerable power (of a negative kind). Their arrival coincided with the explosion of the Pacific whaling industry.

The first census taken by the German Imperial authorities enumerated 1,294 islanders. However, the population prior to European contact would have been significantly greater.

Paul Hambruch in his work on Nauru in 1910 (*Ergebnisse Der Südsee-Expedition 1908-1910: II. Ethnographie: B. Mikronesien, Band 1: Nauru, 1 Halbband. Hamburg: L. Friederichsen & Co., 1914, pages 59 – 62*) obtained the names of some 169 hamlets (homesteads), 40 of which were uninhabited in 1910. So, the pre-contact population may have been nearer 2,500 during drought free periods and barring natural disasters like tsunamis or cyclones.

Like all of the Pacific islanders, the population collapsed from the moment of European contact with the introduction of influenza varieties unknown to them, as well as Measles and Smallpox. Similar stories of population collapse have been recorded for the Iles Sous-le-Vent in the Society Islands (100,000+ down to 8,000 in a fifty year period); the Marquesas Islands (circa 100,000 down to 12,000 in a fifty year period; Hawai'i (300,000+ down to 190,000 in a fifty year period) (see Sodter, F. 1993. *L' Histoire Démographique. Atlas de la Polynésie Française. Institut français de recherche scientifique pour le développement en coopération*; Robert C. Schmitt. 1971. *New Estimates of the pre-censal population of Hawaii. The Journal of the Polynesian Society Vol.80, No. 2.*); and a similar collapse for the First Nations of the Americas from the moment contact was made with Europeans. These collapses are mostly unrecorded (as with Nauru) as they pre-date sustained European contact.

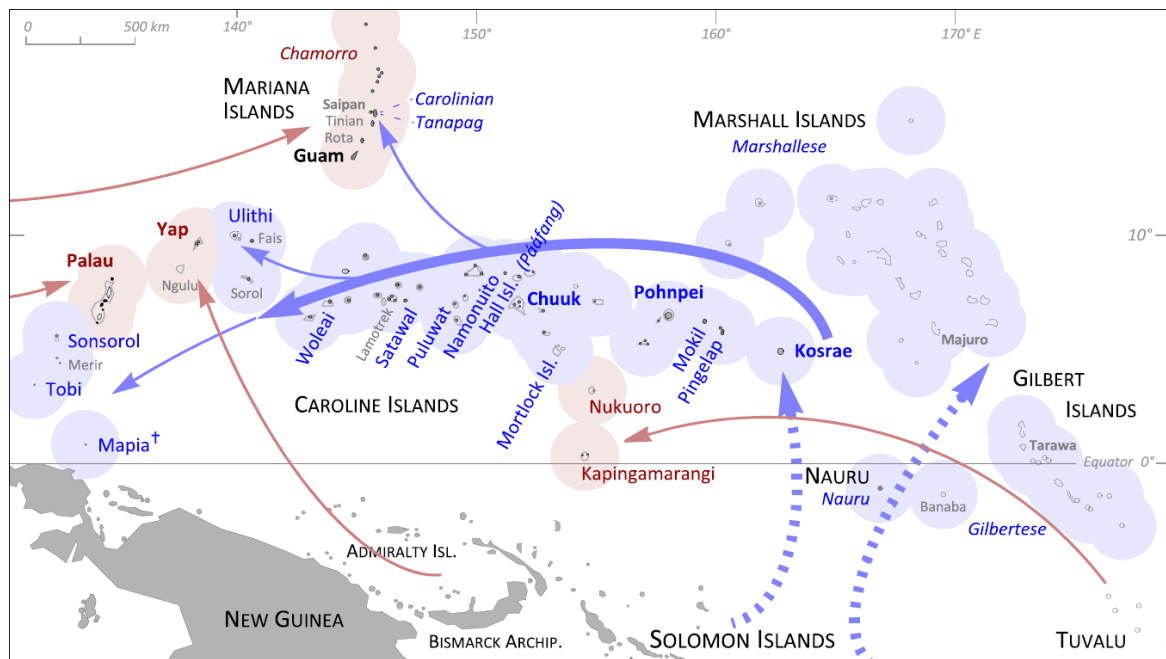
Map 1. Map of Micronesian Language Family (<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/User:Tyk>)



Map 2. Micronesian Expansion (from Andrea Bender and Sieghard Beller, 'Ways of counting in Micronesia', *Historia Mathematica* 56)

Micronesian pathways in blue, non-Micronesian ones in dark red.

Shaded circles indicate a 100-mile radius around islands, the average distance of an overnight voyage (Marck, 1986)



2. Current Status of Nauruan.

The Nauruan language is confined to the island of Nauru (an independent republic since 1968), though there are small communities of Nauruans in neighbouring countries (Australia, Fiji, New Zealand among others).

No mention of the Nauruan language is made in the Constitution of Nauru (1968), but, as Xavier Barker has noted:

“....it appears to have become the *de facto* official language in government, the media and education without any legal support”.

(Barker, Xavier. 2012. English Language as Bully in the Republic of Nauru. In: English Language as Hydra: Its Impacts on Non-English Language Cultures , Rapatahana, Vaughan and Pauline Bunce (editors). Volume 9 of Linguistic Diversity and Language Rights)

Concerns exist that the lack of state sponsorship and the lack of Nauruan language classes in the schools is threatening Nauruan⁶, as well as the possibility of the creolization of Nauruan through English. See the May 25, 2021 article at <https://www.loopnauru.com/nauru-news/workshop-preserve-nauruan-language-100614>

Figure 2. News Report on Concerns for the Nauruan Language.


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Nauru

Workshop to preserve Nauruan language

By: Loop Pacific
08:47, May 25, 2021



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- Half of world on track to be...
- Saving Private Ryan actor Tom...
- Warriors win season opener over...
- Crusaders return to winning ways
- Super round a good test for Blues...

The Language Division under the Internal Affairs Department is currently working closely with a linguist to develop a Nauruan Dictionary.

In order to develop the material, community members from all the districts were invited to take part in a workshop to assist language officers in putting together Nauruan words that are in existence including words that no longer exist due to lack of use to form the much-needed Nauruan Dictionary.

Nauru Media News - NTV reports at present the Nauruan language dialogue is becoming a mixture of old and modern-day conversation.

The mixed dialogue is becoming a concern for the Language Division as they notice it is slowly diminishing our vernacular and something needs to be done.

Language division has hosted a Nauruan Language workshop inviting the elderly 50 years and over from across the districts to attend and share their views and thoughts on what needs to be done to revive the mother tongue.

This workshop allows each and every person attending to share Nauruan words that have been passed down to them by their elders in order to help develop the Nauruan Dictionary.

There are currently two Nauruan dictionaries in existence but they are not in use due to some word contents not correct.

Photo Nauru Media News - NTV

The following figures are taken from the “National Report of Population and Housing – Census 2011”.

At the time of the 2011 census, the population of Nauru was 10,084.

According to the 2011 Census, 93% (circa 9,300) of the population of Nauru gave Nauruan as the language of the home.

Although 66% of the population were enumerated as able to speak English, only 2% of the population gave it as the language of the home.

The 2011 Census also revealed that 6% could speak Kiribati, 2% some form of Chinese, although these languages were not necessarily the language of the home.

95% of the population of those 5 years and older were enumerated as able to speak Nauruan.

The population is projected to peak mid century at 11,000, with a steady decline until the end of the century, with a 2100 estimate of circa 5,800 (UN World Population Prospects 2019).

3. Phonetics.

The most recent study in Nauruan phonology is by Kevin Hughes (The Synchronic and Diachronic Phonology of Nauruan: Towards a Definitive Classification of an Understudied Micronesian Language, 2020) and he indicates 7 vowel phonemes.

Table 1. Nauruan Vowels in IPA (adapted from Hughes 2020:15).

	Front	Central	Back
High	i	ɨ	u
Mid	e	[ʌ]*	o
Low	æ	a	

* Hughes 2020 uses the IPA symbol [e] for [ʌ]. He considers it to be an allophone of /a/.

3.1. Description of Consonant Phonemes.

The Consonant inventory allows for at least 23 phonemes.

Table 2. Nauruan Consonants in IPA (adapted from Hughes 2020:15).

	Bilabial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar
Stop	p ^h b ^h p ^ɣ b ^ɣ	t d tʃ dʒ		k g kw
Nasal	m ^h m: ^h m ^ɣ m: ^ɣ	n		ŋ
Glide			j j	w
Rhotic		r ɾ		

The following description of Nauruan consonant phonemes has been adapted from Hughes 2020:16–100.

/p^h/ voiceless palatalized bilabial stop

[p] before /i/ and /e/
intervocalic lengthening

/b^h/ voiced palatalized bilabial stop

[b] before /i/ and /e/, and word-final
intervocalic frication possible [β, β^h]
phrase final [p]

/p^ɣ/ voiceless velarized bilabial stop

[p] before /o/ and /u/, and word-final
velarization optional before the central vowels /a/ and /i/
intervocalic lengthening

/b^ɣ/ voiced velarized bilabial stop

[b] before /o/ and /u/
[p] in phrase-final position
velarization optional before central vowels /a/ and /i/

/t/ voiceless apical stop

intervocalic lengthening

/d/ voiced apical stop

[t] in phrase final position

/tʃ/ voiceless palato-alveolar affricate

only before /i/

/dʒ/ voiced palato-alveolar affricate

only before /i/

/k/ voiceless velar stop

Intervocalic lengthening

/g/ voiced velar stop

[k] in phrase final position

can surface as [ɣ] intervocalically

/kʷ/ voiceless velar stop, secondary labialization

/mʲ/ palatalized bilabial nasal

[m] before /i/ and /e/, and word final

/mːʲ/ geminate palatalized bilabial nasal.

[mː] before /i/ and /e/, and word final

/mʷ/ velarized bilabial nasal

[m] before /o/ and /u/ and word final

velarization optional before central vowels /a/ and /i/

/mːʷ/ geminate velarized bilabial nasal

[mː] before /o/ and /u/

velarization optional before central vowels /a/ and /i/

/n/ apical alveolar nasal

/ŋ/ velar nasal

/w/ rounded labiovelar glide

/ɹ/ palatal consonant with light to moderate frication which is variably absent; [ɹ] ~ [j]

/j/ palatal approximant

/r/ alveolar trill

/ʀ/ fortis trill

3.2. Some Observations of Sound Changes in Nauruan during the 20th Century.

There are several sound changes and changes in syntax that have occurred in Nauruan since the first half of the 20th Century, which may be due to the influence of English and/or the unfortunate loss of many of the language gatekeepers during the 2nd World War. ⁶ The governments of Nauru since 1945 have not fostered the development of Nauruan as a literary medium, nor is it taught in Nauruan schools.

Among the changes are:

- a. *The 'monophthongization' of the diphthongs [ai, ae] to [e]: i.e.*

'aiquen', one > ekwen

'aiju', three, > eju

'aijimo', five > ejim'o

'aeiu', seven > eiju

'ngain', his/her child > ngen

- b. *The lowering of the diphthongs [ao, au] to [o, ou]*

- c. *The raising of vowels, example:*

'eõ [eʌ]', 'not' > ia [iʌ]

'eadu' > iadu

'-en' Perfective Aspect Suffix > -in

- d. *'-ow' is simplified to /-o/, example:*

'miow', fear > m'io [mio]

- e. *Between high vowels, /j/ (which represents the palatal glide) is moving towards a fricated allophone, [ɟ]: e.g. ‘aijimo’, ‘five’ > ‘ejimo’, > ‘ejimo’. Already in pre-contact Nauruan /j/ had a fricated allophonic variant in certain environments (see NG2) - this is spreading.*
- f. *The diphthongs [ia, io, iu] which normally represented an initial non-syllabic vowel glide [ia, jo, ju] have drifted to [ja; jo; ju]; its sound varies from /j/ to the fricated sound [ɟ], which is gaining the upper hand: e.g.*

‘ian’, ‘in it’ > [jan/ɟan]

‘ion’, ‘an, a’ > [jon/ɟon]

‘iut’, ‘Guettarda speciosa’ > [jut/ɟut]

ijõñ, below > ɟan [ɟan]

- g. */t/ before the high vowel /i/ represents a voiceless affricate [ts], which in contemporary Nauruan has moved towards a voiceless palato-alveolar affricate [tʃ]. /d/ before the high vowel /i/ is the voiced counterpart, [dz], now moving towards [dʒ].*
- h. *The fortis rhotic, which is represented by the glyph /ř/ in Hughes, in contemporary Nauruan appears to be merging with the usual rhotic /r/ in a number of speakers (see Nathan 1973.1:6,7; Hughes 2020:23, 97-100).*
- i. *An instance of language change mentioned by Hughes (Hughes 2020:80) is the confusion on the role of denasalization in the language. Although not all of the rules for denasalization have been ascertained from written records, denasalization usually occurs when a word-final /n/ is followed by a high vowel within a phrase. However, it has been observed in contemporary Nauruan that word-final /n/ is being regularly denasalized to /t/, to the point that many are uncertain when a final /n/ should be pronounced with a final /t/; this alternation was not observed in Nauruan during the first half of the 20th Century. It seems to have been present to some degree by the 1970s as Nathan makes an interesting observation (Nathan 1973.1:5) :*

“In word-final position there exists a set of nasal phones whose phonemic identity has not yet been entirely established. They are ‘prestopped nasals’ [ʰm] and [ʰn]...[ʰn] I have no explanation, except that it may somehow be connected with a morphophonemic alternation between /n/ and /t/.”

This observation by Nathan may be part of the explanation for denasalization.

It could be that in an earlier stage of Nauruan, pre-stopping of /n/ (giving /^dn/) began to develop intervocalically at word boundaries, but only where the following word began with the high vowels /i/ and /e/. The pre-stopping then developed into the denasalization process observed during the first half of the 20th Century.

While occurring before the nominal prefix/absolute marker, the denasalization of /n/ to /t/ is not present before all high vowels.

Denasalization does not appear to be triggered:

- (i) between compound adpositions
- (ii) before locative adverbs
- (iii) before the 3rd Person Singular Dependent Pronoun 'e'
- (iv) with Proper Nouns (Personal Names, geographic names) ending in '-n'
- (v) before nouns modified by possessive suffixes or the construct suffix, or the simple demonstrative
- (vi) 3rd Person Singular forms of the General and Relative Possessive Classifiers followed by a high vowel (except inverted possessive clauses)
- (vii) Unrealized Aspect Marker 'nan' (Except in restricted cases)
- (viii) when the Applicative Suffix *ei/eiy* is suffixed to a word-final *-n*.

Whether denasalization is/was an optional morphophonetic change, and/or influenced by the stress or lack thereof of the high vowel, has not been ascertained.

With the spread of denasalization in word-final position by analogical levelling, the syntactic reasons for the process are becoming blurred, causing confusion in the minds of the younger cohorts of mother-tongue speakers.

i. *Syncope and ellision in oft-used words, i.e.*

ekegen > eken (what?)
 ijegen > ijen (who?)
 adaga > ada (why?)
 anga > nga (1S.IND)
 ngea > nge (E+MED)
 nuwaw > waw (go)
 bwe nim > nim
 bwe dogin > dogin

j. The 3rd Person Plural Dependent Pronoun 're' may be replaced by 'ar'.

- k. A tendency to use the Independent Personal Pronouns instead of the Dependent Personal Pronouns

4. Orthography.

Nauruan does not at present have an official orthography, so citations are mainly given in the writing system of the original source. Although an official orthography was gazetted in the official gazette of Nauru (No.47 of 5th November 1938), it has never been implemented.

There have been several orthographies that have been used to write Nauruan. Among these are:

- 1. Orthography used by Paul Hambruch in his studies on Nauru in 1910.*
- 2. Orthography used by Aloys Kayser in his 1915 "Nuwawit testament obwe me etsimeduw"*
- 3. Orthography used in the 1918 Bible and related Protestant texts.*
- 4. Orthography used by Aloys Kayser in the journal "Anthropos" and related journals.*
- 5. Orthography used by Aloys Kayser in his "Nauru Grammar".*
- 6. Orthography recommended by the Nauru Administration in 1938.*
- 7. Orthography used by Aloys Kayser as evidenced in the 1976 New Testament.*

4.1. Observations on Kayser's orthographies 1936 and 1976.

Kayser in *Nauru Grammar* (1936) was apparently trying to produce a phonetic record of the Nauruan he heard and was taught. This phonetic transcription is never fully described and even within *Nauru Grammar* there are some variations in the spelling of the same word.

With regard to the consonant inventory, his description lacks any systematic representation of palatalized and velarized consonants or consonant gemination.

There is no systematic description or transcription of the fact that in phrase final position the voicing of oral stops is neutralized:

$_b > _p$

$_d > _t$

$_g > _k$

However, he was aware of the variation in some verbs, i.e.

katuk NG175 to strain > katugien NG175 now he has strained it

He was aware of consonant gemination being a feature, but had no systematic description or transcription of it, as this quote shows (NG2):

"In many cases where the word begins with 'm-', this 'm-' is prefaced with a light sound almost amounting to a second, introductory 'm'..."

Kayser was also aware of a "fleeting slide vowel" (NG3) in '*aijimo*', '5', using the spelling '*aijimeo*' in *Nauru Grammar*. This refers to the palatalized 'm' of the Nauruan sound system which Hughes indicates using the IPA glyph /mʲ/. Kayser was also aware of "a hardly perceptible gliding vowel u" (NG3) associated with 'm'. '*pw, bw, mw*' are not systematically used to represent the velarized bilabial and nasal set. '*qu, kw*' is consistently used for the labialized voiceless velar stop,

The orthography adopted in the 1976 New Testament is a much simplified system.

All diacritics are removed from vowels:

[ā] is converted to [e]

[ī] is converted to [u]

the velar nasal [ŋ] is converted to [ng]

the labialized voiceless velar stop [q] is invariably converted to [kw]

4.2. Observations on the Orthography of the 1918 Bible.

The orthography reduces the sound system of Nauruan to its absolute necessary parts, but one that a native speaker would be able to contend with, just as an English or French speaker contends with a very outdated and unphonetic/unphonemic writing system.

It uses 8 letters to cover the vowels.

The letter 'a' represents both /a/ and /æ/.

The letter 'ä' represents /e/ or an allophone of /e/.

The letter 'ö' represents [ʌ] in most cases (latest studies treat this as an allophone of /a/).

The letter 'ü' represents /i/ (a central unrounded vowel) in most cases.

On the consonantal side, there is no apparent evidence of an understanding of velarized versus palatalized consonants, consonant gemination, or word-/phrase final devoicing/simplification.

The letter 'ñ' represents the velar nasal /ŋ/.

The letter 'q', or the combination 'qu' represent the labialized voiceless velar /kw/.

The letter 'j' represents the palatal glide.

The combination 'tsi' (usually written 'ti' in other orthographies) only appears before /i/.

The 1918 Bible also uses some orthographic conventions, among which:

(a) The translators use 'ä' to represent the 3rd Person Singular Dependent Pronoun 'e' when the verb phrase it belongs to is impersonal.

(b) The translators use 'A' (capital 'a') to represent the 1st Person Singular Dependent Pronoun 'a' in all of its occurrences.

(c) Where a verb (or a pre-verb word) heads a verb phrase and has no overt person maker, it is by default 3rd Person, but the translators overcompensate by often putting a 'ghost' vowel to indicate it is a 3rd Person actor.

When 'ma', 'and' and 'bwe', 'for' precede a vowel-initial verb in such a situation, the translators often delete the vowels of 'ma' and 'bwe' (which is done in spoken Nauruan) but mirror the initial vowel of the verb or any 'ghost' vowel the translators decided on including, so you can end up with a 'dummy' vowel and a 'ghost' vowel, e.g.

mö ö ömeata, 'and he brought it out', actually represents m' ömeata

(d) When a final consonant of one word meets an initial consonant of the following word in a phrase, Nauruan usually interposes an epenthetic vowel (a non-syllabic "schwa" vowel /ə/) between the two consonants if the combination of the two consonants is, as Rebecca Morley observed:

"sequences that are disallowed or dispreferred within the language." (see her article "Consonant Epenthesis", <https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com>)

The translators do not consistently show the epenthetic vowel, and when they do it can be represented by 'e' or 'i' or 'o' or 'ö'.

(e) In the 1918 Bible both the 1st Person Dual Inclusive Dependent Pronoun and the 3rd Person Dual Dependent Pronoun are spelt 'ar', but there is a difference in vowel quality, i.e.

1 st Person Dual Inclusive Dependent Pronoun	-	ar [æɾ]
3 rd Person Dual Dependent Pronoun	-	ar [ʌɾ]

4.3. Comparative Table of Nauruan Orthographies

Table 3. Comparative Table of Nauruan Orthographies.

Kayser 1936 Examples from <i>Nauru Grammar</i>	Kayser 1976 New Testament	1918 Bible	Hughes 2020
a man, he is clever; abab, to kill	a mwan abab	a man abab	æ em'æn æb'æp
ə emən, he is dead	a eman	a eman	æ em'æn
ä waña, mine ouwāk, big	a wanga ouwak	a waña ouwak	a ~ æ waja oæg
ə eoquan, sun	a ekwan	a equan	æ k'wæn
ä mäö, my eye bäö, my hand	e meo beo	e meö beö	e m'e- b'e-
ɛ jɛt, when?	e yet	e jet	e ijet
e innen, his mother aiquen, one	e innen aikwen	e inen aiquen	e ine- e-k'wen

ɛ epɛ, stone bɛbɛ, light	e epe bebe	e epe bebe	e pʰe-n bʰebe
i ini, coconut	i	i	i ini
ĩ niñeniñ, to pull tightly	u nunginung	ũ nũñinũñ	(i)
o bobo, to smell	o bobo	o bobo	o bʰobʰo
ɔ eɔh, to cry	o eong	õ eõñ	a ijaŋ
ö ebög, water etöñin, his father gör, to run bäö, my hand öd, go, pass mög, dry	o ebog etongin gor beo od mog	õ ebök etõñin gör beõ õd mög	a ~ ʌ ~ æ ebʰag etaŋ- gar [bei/beʌ] ad mʰæg
u dudu, to water	u dudu	u dudu	u dudu
ʉ ü ibügibügi, grass büm, night	u ibugibugi bum	ũ ibũgibũgi bũm	u ibʰugibʰugi bʰumʰ
ɰ ɰabɰna/ɰabũna mɰhɰana/mũhɰana ibɰ, ashore	u ngabuna mungana ibu	ũ ñabũna mũñana ibũ	u ɲabʰuna mʰuɲana -
ɤ iju, fish	u iu	ũ iũ	u iju
ã ã, yes	---	eh	ẽ
q, qu	kw	q, qu	kw
ŋ	ng	ñ	ŋ

5. Abbreviations Used.

1	First Person
2	Second Person
3	Third person
S	Singular
D	Dual
T	Trial
P	Plural
EXC	Exclusive
INC	Inclusive
ADV	Adverbial prefix <i>a-</i> , <i>ana-</i>
AB	Absolute Marker/Nominal Prefix <i>e-/i-</i>
ANIM	Animate Class
APPL	Applicative suffix <i>-eiy/-ei</i>
APPL2	Applicative 2 suffix <i>-i</i>
AUG	Augmented form of demonstrative
AV	Avertive <i>eniy</i>
CAUS	Causative Prefix <i>ka-/ga-</i>
CF	Contrafactual
CL	Classifier
COM	Comitative/Instrumental Suffix <i>on/ōn</i>
COM2	Comitative/Instrumental Suffix <i>-an</i>
COMM	Command <i>ko/kō</i>
COMP	Completive <i>ogiten</i>
COND	Conditional Marker

CONS	Construct Particle <i>in</i>
DAT	Dative (indirect object) Form
DEP	Dependent Form of Personal Pronoun
DIR DIR1 – <i>eda/ida</i> upwards, out of, from DIR2 – <i>ädu/edu</i> downwards, in, back DIR3 – <i>ata</i> out, from within, upwards DIR4 – <i>atu</i> in, downwards DIR5 – <i>oda</i> steady movement forwards DIR6 – <i>odu</i> steady movement backwards DIR7 – <i>ruwei/ruweij/ruweiy</i> towards the speaker DIR8 – <i>n</i> general directional DIR9 – <i>w</i> general directional DIR10 – <i>-dan</i> out, out of from DIR11 – <i>-dun</i> in, back, from	General Directional Particle eow, iow Directional Suffixes
DIST	Distal -no/-go
E	Emphatic Prefix nga-/ña-
FAC	Factitive Prefix o-/ö-
FV	Function Vowel
GPOS	General Possessive Classifier a-
GER	Gerundive
IMM	Immediative orren/ören
INDF	Indefinite Determiner
IND	Independent Form of Personal Pronoun
INTENS	Intensifier kor/kör
LOC	Locative Prefix
MED	Medial -na/-qa
MOD	Modal nim/nım
MUT	Mutual familial relationship -i ; same as APPL2
NE NEI NEII NEIII	Non-Emphatic Prefix non-emphatic demonstrative prefix, form I min- non-emphatic demonstrative prefix, form II mu-/mũ- non-emphatic demonstrative prefix, form III bit-
NEG	Negative eo/eö

NP	Numeral Prefix <i>a-</i>
OBJ	Objective Form of Personal Pronoun
OP	Optative <i>karenaga</i>
PERF	Perfective Aspect Suffix <i>-en</i>
PERS	Persistive <i>ekeowina</i>
POS	Possessive Personal Pronoun Suffix
PREI	Pre-Inceptive <i>eitiok/eitsiōk</i>
PROG	Progressive <i>oreita/ōreita</i>
PROX	Proximal <i>-ne/-ŋe</i>
RED	Reduplicated Form of Verb/Noun
RPOS	Relative Possessive Classifier <i>w-</i>
SUCC	Successful Outcome Suffix <i>wong/wōñ</i>
SUP	Superlative form
TAG	Question Tag
TEMP	Temporal <i>ngag-/ñag-</i>
UNR	Unrealized Aspect <i>inan/nan</i>
UNR.NEG	Negative Unrealized Aspect <i>eab</i>
V	Verb
VNI	Velar Nasal Intrusion
1976	Nuwawit Testament Etimeduw 1976
HS	Nauru 2007 Demographic and Health
hsd	Nauru Hansard
NB1	Ekegen Ngea Gott Tengeiy Atsin Turita?
NB2	Kaiōt kō Aen Gott me Tsimor Eko Toki
NG	Nauru Grammar 1936
Nuw	Nuwawit testament obuā 1915
NuwNT	Nuwawit testament etimeduw 1915

PC	Personal Communication
SN	Sprache von Nauru 1914
TNR30	Öten Am Aia Bibel?
TNR31	Öten Am Aia Ino Ijamwan?
TNR32	Eken Ŋea Ki Konan Abibōki Amen Bwieni?
TNR 33	Ijen Eow Ŋune Eb?
TNR 34	Tune Emaga Iña Edae I Nan Keowen?
TNR35	Bwina Ema Nan Tik Timor?
TNR36	Ken Ngea Monibain Gott?
TNR37	I Ino Añ Konan Āt Kaganado n Ōneien Ikidō Ŋane Towe Itsimor?
PS1979	Petit Skinner Thesis
*	Unattested form or reconstructed form

6. An Overview of the Uses of the Modal Aspect Marker.

There are several ways in Nauruan to express the attitude of the speaker towards the state of affairs expressed in a sentence.

The modality of possibility (can, be able, possible) uses the verb '*kona, gona*', and is not discussed in this study.

Also, the modality of future action (both real and hypothetical) is discussed separately as it involves the Unrealized Aspect Marker '*inan, nan*' (see "Nauruan Unrealized Aspect" by the present writer).

This study looks at the modality of obligation, necessity, duty, and correctness which are all encompassed by the Modal Marker *nim* (variously spelt *nim, num, nüm, nym*), whose phonemic realization is given as '*nim*' by Hughes (2020:142). For convenience, we will call this the Modal Aspect.

English has a number of verbs that are used to indicate the modality of obligation, including:

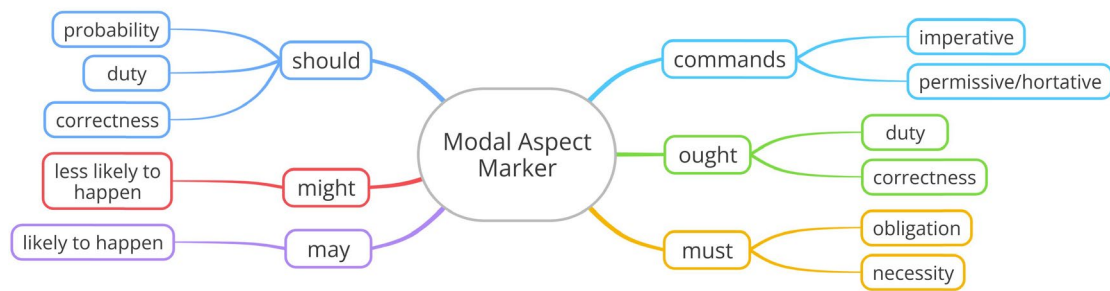
must
ought to
need to

As a general rule, when the Modal Aspect Marker is not part of a dependent clause the semantic field is "must, ought to, need to".

When the Modal Aspect Marker is introduced by a dependent clause conjunction, the semantic field is "should, may, might" in dependent clauses.

The following figure sets out the principal areas in which the Modal Aspect Marker is used:

Figure 3: Semantic Field of the Modal Aspect Marker.



7. Phonological Processes with the Modal Aspect Marker.

There are a number of optional contractions of non-singular dependent personal pronouns with the Modal Aspect Marker.

Table 4. Contractions of non-singular dependent Personal Pronouns combined with Modal Aspect Marker.

Person		Dual	Trial	Plural
1st	Inclusive	ar [æɾ] + nim > arũm, ar um	aij + nim > aijũm	añ + nim
				> añũm, ang um
				Syncopated form
	Exclusive	amar + nim > amarũm, mar um	amei + nim > ameijũm, meiy um	a'm, am
				ama + nim
				> amaim, ma um
2 nd	amwar + nim > amwarũm, mwar um	amwei + nim > amweiũm, mweiy um	Syncopated form	
			amam	
			ama + nim	
3 rd	ar / ör/or [ʌɾ] + nim > arũm, ör üm, or um	arei + nim > areiũm, reiy um	> amwaim, mwa um, mwa um	
			Syncopated form	
			amwam	
				No merged form

8. Uses of the Modal Aspect Marker in Independent Clauses.

8.1. Uses of the Modal Aspect Marker as Commands (Imperative).

It will be seen from the examples that in many instances when the Nauruan Modal Aspect construction is used in the main clause it can also convey what equates to commands (Imperative modality) in English when the actor/s is/are Second Person.

8.2. Uses of the Modal Aspect Marker as Permissives/Hortatives.

It will be seen from the examples that in many instances when the Nauruan Modal Aspect construction is used in the main clause it can also convey what equates to Permissive or Hortative modality in English when the actor/s is/are non-second person.

8.3. Examples of the Modal Aspect Marker

8.3.1. 1st Person Singular Actor

1.

a⁷ nüm aeae i'^{8,9} ta¹⁰ buitega m'a^{9,7} gona NG5

1S.DEP MOD see+RED COND only chance & 1S.DEP able
I must see if it chances and I can do it / I must see if by chance I can do it

2.

a⁷ nüm nuwaw NG168

1S.DEP MOD go
I must go

3.

mar⁷ ta¹⁰ mäg ko inne bu'^{9,62} a⁷ nüm nuwaw me kani oar ei^{7,11}

2D.DEP only dwell COMM here for 1S.DEP MOD go & CAUS+fetch foodstuff+3T.POS

eteto me¹² epo NG219

AB+native.almond & AB+pandanus
you two stay here for I must go away and fetch our foodstuffs: native almonds and pandanus

4.

A^{7,13} kōñ a¹⁴ gamiã⁷ bwa¹² A^{7,13} nim òmeata a¹⁴ gamiã⁷ ũrör⁷ Ge 19:8

1S.DEP request to 2P.OBJ for 1S.DEP MOD bring.out to 2P.OBJ 2D.IND

I ask of you that I may bring out [show] the two of them to you

5.

A^{7,13} nim eõ ãt an¹⁵ ima¹⁶ oniñ¹⁷ ia¹⁸ Ge 21:16

1S.DEP MOD NEG see GPOS+3S.POS die young MED

I must not see the death of that child

Permissive/Hortative: let me not see the death of that child

6.

Jehova [sic; Jakob] òrai eñōgen¹⁹ votum, mō¹² uge, tsin ia⁸ Gott emek itürũ²⁰,

Jacob cast AB+word+CONS vow & say COND God 3S.DEP+dwell by+1S.POS

me¹² eraña ame¹⁴ iat^{20,21} emedena ñea¹⁸ A^{7,13} òd ian²⁰, mo¹² ome²²

& 3S.DEP+keep to+1S.DAT in+3S.POS AB+way E+MED 1S.DEP pass in+3S.POS & give+to+1S.DAT

brot bwa¹² A^{7,13} nim òn, me¹² ekarawin bwa¹² A^{7,13} nim edua, bwa¹² A^{7,13} nim kan

bread for 1S.DEP MOD eat & AB+clothing for 1S.DEP MOD dress for 1S.DEP MOD again

redō eow ian²⁰ an¹⁵ wak etōñũ¹¹ iat^{20,21} iow²³, Jehova nan²⁴ ei^{7,25} waña²⁶

return DIR in+3S.POS GPOS+3S.POS house father+1S.POS in+3S.POS AB+peace Jehovah UNR 3S.IND RPOS+1S.POS

Gott, ma¹² ape une¹⁸ ñea¹⁸ A^{7,10} òijōn bwe¹² enim ekei³¹ ijor²³, nan²⁴ ei^{7,25}

God & stone PROX E+MED 1S.DEP send for 3S.DEP+MOD make+3S.IND AB+post UNR 3S.IND

an¹⁵ wak Gott: ma¹² A^{7,10} nan²⁴ oija aw¹⁴ main¹¹ ata atsin¹⁴ ean¹⁴ waña²⁶

GPOS+3S.POS house God & 1S.DEP UNR give to+2S.OBJ part+CONS ten from+3S.POS on+3S.POS RPOS+1S.POS

imin²³ memak ñana³² wo⁷ oija ame¹⁴ Ge 28:20-22

thing all E+MED.P 2S.DEP give to+1S.DAT

Jacob uttered a vow and said, if God is with me and keeps me on the way that I pass by in it, and gives me bread so that I should eat and clothing so that I should wear, so that I should return to the house of my father in peace, Jehovah will be my God, and this stone that I have planted so that it should become a pillar, it will be the house of God: and I will give you ten parts from all my things that you give me

7.

ñag²⁷e metu a¹⁴ ãita²⁸ aget^{11,21} etsin¹¹, i tō^{9,29} kabōduw añe bwe¹² enim
 TEMP+ 3S.DEP go.in to female+MED spouse+CONS sibling+3S.POS only pour.out+DIR9 on.ground for 3S.DEP+MOD
 eñ oija etsin¹¹ an¹⁵ karig Ge 38:9
 NEG give+to sibling+3S.POS GPOS+3S.POS CAUS+create
 when he (Onan) went in to his (deceased) brother's wife, he spilt it on the ground so that he would not give his (deceased)
 brother his offspring

8.

A nimō¹⁶ nuaw mō³⁴ pan a Pharao Ge 46:31
 1S.DEP MOD go & speak to Pharaoh
 I must go and speak to Pharaoh
 Permissive/Hortative: let me go and speak to Pharaoh

9.

A nimō¹⁶ riañ a Jehova Ex 15:1
 1S.DEP MOD sing to Jehovah
 I must sing to Jehovah
 Permissive/Hortative: let me sing to Jehovah

10.

A koñ aw¹⁴ bwa¹² atibun³⁰ enim eñ ekei³¹ ion ñea¹⁸ ema Nu 12:12
 1S.DEP ask to+2S.OBJ for ateb+PROX 3S.DEP+MOD NEG make+3S.IND INDF E+MED 3S.DEP+die
 I ask of you that she should not become (as) one who is dead
 Permissive/Hortative: please, let her not become (as) one who is dead

11.

roiū¹¹ òkōr ñune¹⁸, me eimwi bwa A nim ijen būriō¹¹ ean Je10:19
 heavy+1S.POS INTENS E+PROX & right for 1S.DEP MOD bear.up innards+1S.POS on+3S.POS
 truly this is my grief, and it is right that I put up with it / I must put up with it

12.

tsin ia⁸ amwa⁷ āt, amwa⁷ nan etsiō ame¹⁴, bwa A nimō naña bet
 COND 2P.DEP find 2P.DEP UNR sent to+1S.DAT for 1S.DEP MOD go+to also
 me taramawirei³³ Matt 2:8
 & worship+APPL
 if you find him, you will send word to me so that I may go to him also and worship him

13.

A nimō¹⁶ roudan ian mem weren¹¹ Matt 7:4
 1S.DEP MOD remove.from+DIR8 in+3S.POS eye+2S.POS splinter+3S.POS
 I must remove from your eye its splinter
 Permissive/Hortative: let me remove from your eye its splinter

14.

mō²⁹ rō²⁹ kamararei³³ Jesu bwe re nimō¹⁶ nugoi ma abi Matt 26:4
 & 3P.DEP think+APPL Jesus for 3P.DEP MOD use.cunning & kill
 and they conspired against Jesus that they might use cunning and kill him

15.

A ũge bwe eimwi bwa A nimõ¹⁶ eare mō⁹ ðeimwi aw mũñane³² bet Lu 1:3
 1S.DEF say for right for 1S.DEF MOD write & FAC+right to+2S.OBJ NEII+MED.P+PROX also
 I said that it was right that I should write and make correct for you these (things) also/ I said I must write and make correct for
 you these (things) also

16.

anga⁷ amea³⁶ Gabriel³⁵, ngea¹⁸ oreita oeiyo ian men²⁰ God me¹² eoiyon on,
 1S.IND male+MED Gabriel E+MED PROG stand in+3S.POS eye+3S.POS God & 3S.DEF+send+COM
 bwe a⁷ num [sic] dorer me anim orean aw mout²¹ imwinen ngune¹⁸
 for 1S.DEF MOD talk & 1S.DEF+MOD bring to+2S.OBJ good+CONS AB+news E+PROX
 I am Gabriel, who is standing before God and he sent me forth so that I should speak and I should bring to you this good news
 Lu 1:19 1976

17.

ngagan obodien^{37,38} [sic; obidien] anga^{7,39} me oiyoten^{37,58} anga^{7,39} bwe a⁷
 therefore anoint+PERF 1S.IND & send+PERF 1S.IND for 1S.DEF
 nim oraiya ngabuna⁴⁰ ro²⁹ kananoang angoget evangelium me omwamwo
 MOD cast.+to E+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEF pity word+CONS evangel & mend
 burioura¹¹ ngabuna⁴⁰ re meg in raroe Lu 4:18[17] 1976
 innards+3P.POS E+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEF dwell CONS heavy+RED
 therefore, he has already anointed me and sent me forth so that I should speak out about the evangel [gospel, good news] to
 those ones who are pitiable and to mend the hearts of those ones who are in distress

18.

A nim kan pwana bet mungana³² dagawa inon angogen bita envangelium
 1S.DEF MOD again speak+to also NEII+MED.P city others word+CONS NEIII+MED evangel
 in monibain¹¹ God Lu 4:43 1976
 CONS rule+CONS God
 I must again declare to other cities about the evangel [gospel, good news] of God's kingdom
 Permissive/Hortative: let me again declare to other cities about the evangel [gospel, good news] of God's kingdom

19.

amunuwe⁴¹ awe⁷ idu¹¹, wo eo dagadabwo! A nim roudan ian mem¹¹
 male+2S.VOC 2S.IND sibling+1S.POS 2S.DEF NEG [be.active] 1S.DEF MOD pluck+DIR8 in+3S.POS eye+2S.POS
 ngakena^{42,43,44} oeret oene⁴⁵ ngaga⁴⁶ wo eo bet eed ngamana⁴⁷ edabwike kor
 E+CL20[21]+MED splinter+3S.POS CL27[6]+PROX TEMP+MED 2S.DEF NEG also see E+CL21[4]+MED AB+wood INTENS
 ian mem¹¹ ? Lu 6:42 1976
 in+3S.POS eye+2S.POS
 you here, my brother! keep still! I must pluck from your eye that small thing there, this splinter here, since you also do not see
 that long timber in your eye?

20.

A erow eb eben^{44,49} me a nim ongow me aeae Lu 14:18 1976
 1S.DEF exchange land INDF+CL10[15] & 1S.DEF MOD go.to & see+RED
 I bought a piece of land and I ought to go and look it over

21.

eab toki meõ¹¹ n te⁹ era Jehova; bwe⁹ e mamek eat⁵⁰ damarũmũ,
 NEG+UNR end eye+1S.POS CONS only [be.toward] Jehovah for 3S.DEF dwell+RED on+3S.POS right-hand+1S.POS
 bwa⁹ A nim eõ memõri Ac 2:25
 for 1S.DEF MOD NEG move
 it will not end my eye of [being toward] Jehovah [I will not stop looking to Jehovah], for he is always at my right hand so that I
 should not move

22.

bwa A nimõ ririñ aijõm¹¹ me eke³¹ eñan õeõgidaen⁵¹ nanam¹¹ Ac 2:35
 that 1S.DEP MOD do enemy+2S.POS & make place+CONS set.down+3S.GER feet+2S.POS
 that I should do to your enemy and use it as the place for the setting down of your feet [i.e. your footstool]

23.

edetsini⁵², eimwi bwa A nim eõ miow in pan a gamiã añõgen amea³⁶ patriarch
 sibling+RED+MUT right for 1S.DEP MOD NEG fear CONS speak to 2P.OBJ word+CONS male+MED patriarch
 ñea David, bwe¹² e man, me¹² ã iriedu, me¹² emek itũrida jũbwen ea
 E+MED David for 3S.DEP die+PERF & 3S.DEP bury & 3S.DEP+dwel by+1P.INC.POS pit+3S.POS to
 ñabũmine⁵³ Ac 2:29
 E+CL5[11]+PROX
 brothers, it is right that I should not fear to speak to you about the Patriarch David, for he has died and is buried and his burial
 plot is with us down to this day

24.

ediedu buna⁴⁰ kamie⁴¹! mwa ome²² ko towo¹¹ bwe anim
 sibling+RED+1S.POS ANIM.P+MED 2P.OBJ 2P.DEP give+to+1S.DAT COMM opportunity+1S.POS for 1S.DEP+MOD
 pwan kor iat²¹ eo miow angogen amea³⁶ patriarch ngea David eman
 speak INTENS in+3S.POS NEG fear word+CONS male+MED Patriarch E+MED David 3S.DEP+die+PERF
 amea³⁶ me iriedu amea me oreita meg ubeta [sic; ubweta] murana⁵⁴
 male+MED & bury male+MED & PROG dwell home+1P.INC.POS NEII+CL30[3]+MED+MED
 baein¹¹ amea ea ngage Ac 2:29 1976
 tomb+CONS male+MED to TEMP+PROX
 my brothers! given me my opportunity so that I may speak boldly about Patriarch David, he died and he was buried and that
 tomb of his is with us down to this time

25.

a ogiten kaiyot aura¹⁵ eong me a edun bwe a nim eadida
 1S.DEP COMP hear GPOS+3P.POS cry & 1.DEP go.down+DIR8 for 1S.DEP MOD loosen+DIR1
 ura^{7,39} Ac 7:34 1976
 3P.IND
 I had heard their outcry and I came down so that I should release them

26.

A nim ibiboki itũrũm iat⁵⁰ Temoniba Philemon 1:20
 1S.DEP MOD happy+RED by+2S.POS in+3S.POS lord
 I must rejoice by means of you in the Lord
 Permissive/Hortative: let me rejoice by means of you in the Lord

27.

anga³⁹ anim okor taufe eow turum me wo re ame nanga⁵⁵? Matt 3:14 1976
 1S.IND 1S.DEP+MOD INTENS baptize DIR by+2PS.POS & 2S.DEP come to+1S.DAT E+1S.IND
 I ought to be baptized by you, yet you come to *me*?

8.3.2. 2nd Person Singular Actor.

28.

wo nüm raḥ'a bitune¹⁸ eonih¹⁷ NG5

2S.DEP MOD keep+to NEIII+PROX AB+young

you must take care of this child

[raḥ'a is the contraction for 'raha a', 'take care of']

29.

wo nüm kaijöt aḥög NG165

2S.DEP MOD hear word

you must hear the word/s

[Kayser's rendition: you must be obedient]

30.

wo nüm mogur NG168

2S.DEP MOD work

you must work

31.

wo num raḥ'a muijibumina⁵³ feast days NG204

2S.DEP MOD keep+to NEII+three+CL5[11]+MED feast days

you must keep those three feast days

32.

wo nüm eraban ḥabuna itugaim NG:204

2SDEP MOD obey E+ANIMP+MED above+2SPOS

you must obey those over you

33.

wo nüm auwä ärumen⁵⁶ [sic] innöm me tönüm NG:205

2SDEP MOD love female+two+ANIM+MED mother+2SPOS & father+2SPOS

you must love two females (customary precedence of females), your mother and your father

34.

mumuönne⁵⁷ ej^{7,25,39} mimuönna⁵⁷ a pan a uw¹⁴ nenne

NEII+CL24[26]+PROX 3S.IND

NEI+cl24[26]+MED

1S.DEP speak to 2S.OBJ yesterday

bue wo num äwäw NG211

for 2S.DEP MOD cut.down

this bunch of fruit is that bunch I spoke to you of it yesterday that you should cut it down

[Kayser's rendition: this bunch of fruit is the bunch I told you yesterday to cut it down]

35.

imin muḥana³² wo kaijötio²¹ iat²¹ kereri nuwawin

AB+thing NEII+MED.P 2S.DEP hear+DIR in+3S.POS AB+caus+instruct concening+3S.POS

wo num okor ḥaeow ian buriöm ḥam wo tuk mijön NG211

2S.DEP MOD INTENS place in+3S.POS innards+2S.POS lest 2S.DEP still forget

those things you hear in school concerning it, you must place in your heart lest you forget it again

[Kayser's rendition: those things about which you learn at school you must conserve lest you forget them]

36.

wo n̄um ärädu ärumena⁵⁶ innöm me tön̄um bu⁹ e n̄um

2S.DEP MOD honour female+two+ANIM+MED mother+2S.POS & father+2S.POS for 3S.DEP MOD

roquo am¹⁵ mäg eat²¹ äb²³ NG215

long GPOS+2S.POS dwell on+3S.POS land

you must honour those two females (customary precedence of females) your mother and your father so that it may be long
your dwelling on the land

[Kyser's rendition: honour your father and your mother so that you may live long in the land]

37.

eko⁵⁹ eratequō ine bwi⁹ ta awe, me wo nimō mwitien³⁸ añōgema? Ge 19:9 (Luther)

be.not AB+foreigner here for only 2S.IND & 2S.DEP MOD separate+PERF word+1P.EXC.POS

there is no stranger here except you, and you would already judge us?

38.

wo nim kan ōbūien³⁸ bet wōn³⁶ dudanim ñaiū¹¹? Ge 30:15

2S.DEP MOD again take+PERF also RPOS+3S.POS dudaim child+1S.POS

must you again already take also the dudaim of my son?

39.

wo nimō¹⁶ mequōr itañū Ge 30:16

2S.DEP MOD lie by+1S.OBJ

you must lie down beside me

Imperative: lie down beside me!

40.

wo nim kan ōmeatu bem ean barram Ex 4:7

2S.DEP MOD again bring.out hand+2S.POS on+3S.POS breast+2S.POS

you must again put you hand onto your bosom

41.

A kōñ aw bwe wo nim ōijōnō bwa¹² A nim kan redō a etsiedū

1S.DEP ask to+2S.OBJ for 2S.DEP MOD send+1S.OBJ for 1S.DEP MOD able return to sibling+RED+1S.POS

ñabuna re mek ägypten Ex 4:18

E+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEP dwell Egypt

I ask of you that you should send me away so that I may again return to my brothers, those ones who dwell in Egypt

42.

wo nim oija ian bema bet iwim in jiūiow Ex 10:25

2S.DEP MOD give.to in+3S.POS hand+1P.EXC.POS alo AB+offering CONS burn

you must also give into our hands burnt-offerings

43.

wo nimō¹² ead bem ea mo¹² oija tekei eiwin a an teñ ñan

2S.DEP MOD loosen hand+2S.POS to & give+to like fitting to GPOS+3S.POS want E+P+

eiwin a ñag⁴⁶ eko itūrin⁶⁰ Deu 15:8

fitting to TEMP+ be.not by+3S.POS

you must open your hand to him and give him according to it is appropriate to his desire which is appropriate to him since he
has nothing

Imperative: open your hand to him and give him according to it is appropriate to his desire which is appropriate to him since he
has nothing!

44.

wo nim eõ òmamado amen makur ñea ã^{13,63} òmarũmwi ñea eko emit

2S.DEP MOD NEG oppress male+CONS work E+MED 3S.DEP hire E+MED be.not rich

duwen ñea emañada Deu 24:14

flesh+3S.POS E+MED 3S.DEP+be.pitied

you must not oppress the worker who is hired who is poor who is to be pitied

Imperative: do not oppress the worker who is hired who is poor who is to be pitied!

45.

wo eõ rewinõ ñage; bwe eimwi bwa arũm oduwet emo memak Matt 3:15

2S.DEP NEG hinder+1S.OBJ TEMP+PROX for right for 1D.INC.DEP+MOD fulfil AB+good all

do not hinder me at this time for it is right that we both should fulfill all righteousness

46.

wo nim mawir Lu 1:28

2S.DEP MOD be.blessed

you must be blessed

Imperative: be blessed!

47.

wo nim eõ miow Lu 1:13

2S.DEP MOD NEG fear

you must not fear

Imperative: do not be afraid!

48.

bwe wo nim tied akor ngana⁶¹ dobwar mungana engog eogiten⁶³ oereri an on

for 2S.DEP MOD know INTENS E+MED.P certain NEII+MED.P AB+word 3S.DEP+COMP instruct COM2 COM

awe³⁹ Lu 1:4 1976

2S.IND

for you must know that those words you had been instructed by them are certain / know that...!

49.

bwe wo nim oija an ñame tsietet itsimor, eat⁶⁴ aden⁴⁹ aūra dūra

for 2S.DEP MOD give+to GPOS+3S.POS person know+3S.GER AB+live on+3S.POS loosen 3S.GER GPOS+3P.POS sin

for you must give to his people the knowledge of life by the forgiving of their sins / give his people...!

Lu 1:77 1976

50.

wo nan ta od ian men amea Demoniba bwe wo nim gadagadauw

2S.DEP UNR only pass in+3S.POS eye+3S.POS male+MED Lord for 2S.DEP MOD prepare+RED

medenan Lu 1:76 1976

way+3S.POS

you will go past before the Lord so that you may prepare his path

51.

wo nim òijõn am tsiõ ñage iat iow, tekei aem Lu 2:29

2S.DEP MOD send GPOS+2S.POS servant TEMP+PROX in+3S.POS AB+peace like word+2S.POS

you must send your servant now in peace, according to your word / send your servant...!

52.

wo nim eo uiy amea Demoniba ngea wam God Lu 4:12 1976

2S.DEP MOD NEG test male+MED lord E+MED RPOS+2S.POS God

you must not test the Lord your God

Imperative: do not test the Lord your God!

53.

adaga wo ren bwe wo nim ogaturae kamar? Lu 4:34 1976

TAG 2S.DEP come+PERF for 2S.DEP MOD FAC+harm 1D.EXC.OBJ

have you now come so that you should harm us both?

54.

amea Demoniba ngea wam God eiy^{7,25,39} ngea wo nim adoreiy

male+MED lord E+MED RPOS+2S.POS God 3S.IND E+MED 2S.DEP MOD adore+APPL

me tiyo ita turin amea Lu 4:8 1976

& serve only by+3S.POS male+MED

the Lord your God he is the one you must worship and only serve him

55.

ōten, wo nim kan ōredōan a Israel monibaiūra ñage? Ac 1:6

TAG 2S.DEP MOD again FAC+return+COM2 to Israel rule+3P.POS TEMP+PROX

must you again return to Israel their rulership at this time?

56.

wo tsiet būriōūt eñame memak, wo nim ōmeata ñea wo eij

2S.DEP know innards+CONS AB+person all 2S.DEP MOD bring.out E+MED 2S.DEP chose

ean⁷⁴ amerumene⁶⁵, bwe e nimō ñeijūbwen Judas ean makur une,

on+3S.POS male+two+ANIM+PROX for 3S.DEP MOD replace Judas on+3S.POS work PROX

me ean barūeneben apostel, ñea Judas opuduten⁵⁸ ean,

& on+3S.POS service+CONS apostle E+MED Judas 3S.DEP+fall+DIR8+PERF on+3S.POS

bwe enimō naña eñan Ac 1:24,25

for 3S.DEP+MOD go+to place+3S.POS

you know the hearts of all men, you must show the one whom you choose of these two men so that he should replace Judas with this work, and with the service of an apostle, the one that Judas has already fallen by it, for that he should go to his place

57.

Jehova ūge a waña Temoniba, wo nimō megeda eat⁵⁰ damarūmū Ac 2:34

Jehovah say to RPOS+1S.POS lord 2S.DEP MOD sit.down on+3S.POS right-hand+1S.POS

Jehovah said to my Lord, sit down at my right hand

58.

adaga naga wo oiyangen⁶⁶ amea satan townen bwe¹² enim opwapwer

why directly 2S.DEP give+o+VNI+PERF male+MED Satan opportunity+3S.POS for 3S.DEP+MOD FAC+wrong+RED

wong burium, bwe wo nim bwaiteiy amea eanni o modangidang

SUCC innards+2S.POS for 2S.DEP MOD lie+APPL male+MED AB+spirit 3S.DEP+good+SUP

me ewewit inon ngana rowen⁵¹ ngabena⁴⁹ eb? Ac 5:3 1976

& hide some E+MED.P exchange+3S.GER E+CL10[15]+MED land

why have you allowed Satan his opportunity so that he should successfully mislead your heart so that you should lie about it to the holy spirit and hide some, the exchange-price of that piece of land

59.

ada ōkagando ia wo nim tsiet angōgen Jesu? NB2.17

why 3S.DEP+important COND 2S.DEP MOD know word+CONS Jesus

why is it important that you should know about Jesus?

8.3.3. 3rd Person Singular Actor.

60.

inan abuätit⁶⁷ egän i⁹ 'e nüm ewuina? NG75

UNR NP+CL7[18/19]+CONS how.many COND+3S.DEP MOD sufficient
it will be how many objects of Classifier 7 if it should suffice? ('i'e', contraction of 'ie e')
[Kayser's rendition: how many length (of string) are needed to suffice?]

61.

mwa oija kö yingömie bw⁹'e nüm dorer amune³⁶ NG168

2PDEP give+to COMM ear+2P.POS for+3SDEP MOD talk male+PROX
give ear so that this man may speak

62.

bita mogur a pan a kamie nenne ma'um [sic; mwa'um] rañañej ririñän⁵¹

NEIII+MED work 1S.DEP speak to 2P.OBJ yesterday 2P.DEP+MOD hurry+APPL do+3S.GER
bu⁹'e num og NG204
for+3S.DEP MOD finish

that work I spoke to you of it yesterday, you must hurry up the doing of it so that it may be finished
[Kayser's rendition: that work I told you about yesterday you must hurry up and have it finished]

63.

o rä bu⁹'e num ek'eij^{9,31} amen e kereri NG204

3S.DEP come for+3S.DEP MOD act.as+3S.IND male+CONS 3s.dep+CAUS+instruct
he comes in order to acts as a teacher
[Kayser's rendition: he comes as a teacher / he comes to be a teacher]

64.

i ta mägeda bu⁹'e num kamarar, imür me nuwawen NG209

only sit.down for+3S.DEP MOD think later & go+PERF
he just sat down so that he should think/in order to think, afterwards he proceeded to go away
[Kayser's rendition: he sat down to deliberate and then he went away]

65.

i ta dorer me dorer bw⁹'e nüm ta keramen, imür, ita gaidida m⁹'aken NG209

only speak & speak that 3S.DEP MOD only play later only break.out &+fight+PERF
he was speaking and speaking for fun, finally he broke out and then fought

66.

a quoquon okor bu⁹'e num mo deidein m⁹'a eö gona NG210

1S.DEP strive INTENS for+3S.DEP MOD good custom+3S.POS &+1S.DEP NEG able
I try hard so that it's behaviour should be good but I am not able to
[Kayser's rendition: I try hard to be of good behaviour but I can not manage it]

67.

amea ämuit äita²⁸ bu⁹'e num ekä³¹ agän me äita²⁸ eö gona

male+MED call female+MED for+3S.DEP MOD act.as spouse+3S.POS & female+MED NEG able

bue¹² miowi NG210

for negative.feelings
that man called that woman so that she should become his wife but she was unable because she despised him
Kayser's rendition: the man called the woman there to become his wife, but she would not because she despised him]

68.

ebak eanakiwui re mäg re mametiow aṇe ṇaga eko⁵⁹ eaṇamä

numerous AB+coconuts 3P.DEF dwell 3P.DEF rot+DIR on.ground TEMP+MED be.not AB+person

i⁹ e nüm row NG215

COND 3S.DEF MOD exchange

there are many coconuts, they are rotting on the ground since there is no-one that ought to buy it ('/e', contraction of 'ie e')

[Kayser's rendition: many coconuts are lying around and are going rotten because nobody will buy them]

69.

ṛiṛiṇ ko bitune tetagai bu⁹e num ekä³¹ waṇa otanijöh ion NG215

do COMM NEIII+PROX cloth for+3S.DEF MOD make RPOS+1S.POS trouser INDF

action this cloth so that it should become a [pair of] trousers belonging to me

[Kayser's rendition: make up this cloth into a pair of trousers for me]

70.

wo nüm ärädu ärumena⁵⁶ innöm me töṇum bu⁹e nüm

2S.DEF MOD honour female+two+ANIM+MED mother+2S.POS & father+2S.POS for 3S.DEF MOD

roquo am mäg eat²¹ äb NG215

long GPOS+2S.POS dwell on+3S.POS land

you must honour those two (females – customary precedence of females) your mother and your father so that it may be long your dwelling on the land

[Kayser's rendition: honour your father and your mother so that you may live long in the land]

71.

tin iö o buitega me mar⁶⁸ ekowoh amea me wo nan pan a

CONS 3S.DEF chance & 2D.DEF meet.up male+MED & 2S.DEF UNR speak to

bu⁹e num rodu a me NG215

for+3S.DEF MOD come.down to 1S.DAT

if by chance you and that man meet up, you must tell him that he should come down to me

[Kayser's rendition: if by chance you meet the man there tell him to come down to see me]

72.

idödön muin bu⁹e nüm ekä³¹ ekadög NG215

laugh+COM tooth+3S.POS for+3S.DEF MOD make AB+tease

Kayser's rendition: he laughed because he wanted to tease

73.

eaṇamä re mäg eat²¹ äb bait²¹ ekegen? bue re nüm raṇ' a an mogur

AB+person 3P.DEF dwell on+3S.POS land object+CONS what for 3P.DEF MOD keep+to GPOS+3S.POS work

God me eamad⁹ a itimor jamen NG215

God & reach+to AB+live future

why do humans live on earth? so that they may look after the works of God and reach life in the future

[Kayser's rendition: for what purpose are people on earth? to observe the commandments of God and so reach happiness]

74.

o gaida ṇameta⁶⁹ Akoro bu⁹e nüm ouḍouḍö medenan ṇaimar

3S.DEF come.down *angame*+MED Akoro for 3S.DEF MOD ask+RED way+CONS child+1S.EXC.POS

inne aoh! NG220

here aoh

that Akoro came down here so that he should enquire oof the way of our child aoh!

[Kayser's rendition: the stupid Akoro had to come to this very spot to inquire how our child was doing!]

75.

mō¹² ōrean³⁷ a amea bwe¹² enim aia eg keken ñan e⁷⁰ enwinōn ūra Ge 2:19
 & bring to male+MED for 3S.DEP+MOD see name what E+P --- call+COM 3P.IND
 and he (God) brought (them) to him (Adam) so that he should see what names which he (Adam) calls them by

76.

Jehova ðemai Kain bwe¹² enim eko ion abi ie¹² āt Ge 4:15
 Jehovah FAC+mark+APPL Cain for 3S.DEP+MOD be.not INDF kill COND see
 and Jehovah marked Cain so that there should be no-one (to) slay him if one finds him

77

ñea opudu ian am wak me ñea wo rouwōn wam geld ā nim
 E+MED 3S.DEP+fall in+3S.POS GPOS+2S.POS house & E+MED 2S.DEP exchange+COM RPOS+2S.POS money 3S.DEP MOD
 etow bet ūrōr Ge17:13
 cut also 2D.IND
 he that is born in your house and he that is bought with your money, both also must be circumcised
 Permissive/Hortative: he that is born in your house and he that is bought with your money, let them both also be circumcised

78.

enimō¹⁶ goeow tsinim irirñ [sic; iririñ] tekei ñune, ñea ā abi
 3S.DEP+MOD far from+2S.POS AB+do like E+PROX E+MED 3S.DEP kill
 ñabūn omo me ñabūn ebaka, bwe¹² enim ta tsitobo ñabūn
 E+ANIM.P+ 3S.DEP+good & E+ANIM.P+ 3S.DEP+bad for 3S.DEP+MOD only similar E+ANIM.P+
 omo me ñabūn ebaka, enimō¹⁶ goeow tsinim ñune Ge 18:25
 3S.DEP+good & E+ANIM.P+ 3S.DEP+bad 3S.DEP+MOD far from+2S.POS E+PROX
 let it be far from you the doing like this, that the righteous and the wicked are slain, so that the righteous and the wicked should
 be similar, let it be far from you this (thing)

79.

āita enim eke wōnō Ge 38:23
 female+MED 3S.DEP+MOD make RPOS+3S.POS
 she must make it hers
 Permissive/Hortative: let her make it hers [her own]

80.

ā nim eō ririñ emakur ion ean, bwi ta ñea eñame enim ōn Ex 12:16
 3S.DEP MOD NEG do AB+work INDF on+3S.POS for only E+MED AB+person 3S.DEP+MOD eat
 you must not do a work on it except that which men must eat

81.

A koñ aw¹⁴ bwa¹² atibun[e]³⁰ enim eō ekei³¹ ion ñea¹⁸ ema Nu 12:12
 1S.DEP ask to+2S.OBJ for ateb+PROX 3S.DEP+MOD NEG make+3S.IND INDF E+MED 3S.DEP+die
 I ask of you that she should not become (as) one who died
 Permissive/Hortative: please, let her not become (as) one who died

82.

ā nim ōmeata iruwit²¹ eñōra n mek ibwibwin Israel ean abūmin⁵³
 3S.DEP MOD bring.out outside+3S.POS place+3P.POS CON dwell grandchild+RED+CONS Israel on+3S.POS NP+CL5[11]
 aeiū, mi imūr inan tik ōmeatu Nu 12:14
 seven & later UNR still bring.in
 one should bring her outside the Israelites' dwelling place for seven days, and afterwards one must again bring her in
 Permissive/Hortative: let her be brought outside the Israelites' dwelling place for seven days, and afterwards let her be brought
 in again

83.

ãita enim raña imin memak ñan A ogiten pan a Judg 13:13

female+MED 3S.DEP+MOD AB+thing all E+P+ 1S.DEP COMP speak to
that woman must keep guard to all the things that I had spoken to her
Permissive/Hortative: let her keep all the things that I had spoken to her

84.

e nim eõ ren wein me eogiden Judg 13:14

3S.DEP MOD NEG drink wine & strong.drink
She must not drink wine and strong drink
Permissive/Hortative: let her not drink wine and strong drink

85.

eimwi bwe¹² enim tsimine⁵⁹ eben⁴⁹ ãbwiõra ñabũna rõ²⁹ gõrõwõñ atsin
right for 3S.DEP+MOD exist INDF+CL10[15] home+3P.POS E+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEP run+SUCC from+3S.POS
inimaget²¹ ibwibwin Benjamin Judg 21:17

among+3S.POS grandchild+RED+CONS Benjamin
it is right thag there should be a land their home those ones they successfully flee from among the descendents of Benjamin

86.

eimwi bet amea ñea enimõ¹⁶ barũ eimwi bwe¹² enim tebab debitsi
right also male+MED E+MED 3S.DEP+MOD take right for 3S.DEP+MOD carry iron
me iwit²¹ ekado 2Sa 23:7

& tail+CONS AB+spear
It is right that the one who should take it it is right that he should bear iron and the staff of a spear

87.

maneabin Jehova ñea e nimõ¹⁶ wei eimwi bwe¹² enimõ
meaneaba+CONS Jehovah E+MED 3S.DEP MOD build right for 3S.DEP+MOD
magit omotañitañ 1Ch 22:5

xhaust+CONS AB+good+SUP
the temple of Jehovah, the one he should build, it is right that it should be most magnificent

88.

e nim tsi inimagen garben, ma amwam eõ ñañei Ru 2:15

3S.DEP MOD glean among+3S.POS *garben* [sheaves] & 2P.DEP+MOD NEG ridicule
she must glean among the sheaves and you must not ridicule her
Permissive/Hortative: let her glean among the sheaves and do not ridicule her

89.

A nim eõ õn wañara imin ñan eta Ps 141:4

1S.DEP MOD NEG eat RPOS+3P.POS thing E+P+ 3S.DEP+sweet
let me not eat their sweet things

90.

wo nim õmeata ame mem, A nim kaiõt aem Can 2:14

show me your face, let me hear your voice

91.

A nim ōn a amea ñea ã auwe eow itūrū riañin amea ñea
 1S.DEP MOD perform to male+MED E+MED 3S.DEP love DIR by+1S.POS song+CONS male+MED E+MED
 ã auwã eow itūrū ñea ōpūm wōt eñan vitis Is 5:1
 3S.DEP love DIR by+1S.POS E+MED 3S.DEP+invoke RPOS+3S.POS place+CONS vine
 let me perform for the man whom is loved by me a song fo the man who is loved by me that invokes his vineyard

92.

bwe omo aw eken⁴⁴ ia gaturae bwabwaituwom aimaen⁴⁷ ea¹⁴
 for 3S.DEP+good to+2S.OBJ INDF+CL20[21] COND harm object+RED+CONS+flesh+2S.POS one+CL21[4] to
 ia enim puduw iat⁷¹ hell bita tuwom okor Matt 5:30 1976
 COND 3S.DEP+MOD fall+DIR9 in+3S.POS hell NEIII+MED flesh+2S.POS INTENS
 for it is better if one body member suffers than if the whole body should fall into hell

93.

adaga naga ouge amebuna⁷² amen etar: enim ore amo amea Elias
 why directly say male+ANIM.P+MED male+CONS 3S.DEP+write 3S.DEP+MOD come first male+MED Elijah
 why then say the scribes: Elijah must first come?
 Matt 17:10 1976

94.

enim kor meta itiriwa Matt 18:7 1976
 3S.DEP+MOD INTENS go.out AB+stumble
 a stumbling must occur/happen

95.

tamo eamiã⁷⁴ ñea eteñ bwe¹² enim ei amo, enim ei³⁹ an tsiō
 any on+2P.POS E+MED 3S.DEP+want for 3S.DEP+MOD 3S.IND first 3S.DEP+MOD 3S.IND GPOS+3S.POS servant
 eñame memak Mark 10:44
 AB+person all
 any of you who wants that he should be first / wants to be first, he must be the servant of everyone

96.

ngagan, tin ia mwa nan eed kamumwidaut epabwa ia oaoeiyō ina
 therefore COND 2P.DEP UNR see CAUS+filth+CONS AB+break+RED COND stand+RED there
 t'eo²⁵ engen; (ngea oreita retineiy engog ei yine⁷⁵ - enim okor kamarareiy ian)
 only+NEG place+3S.POS E+MED PROG read+APPL AB+word CL11[7]+PROX 3S.DEP+MOD INTENS think+APPL in+3S.POS
 me ngea emeg Judea enim gorogoreidaw animwen mungana³² etowedudu
 & E+MED 3S.DEP+dwel Judea 3S.DEP+MOD run+RED+DIR1+DIR9 atop+3S.POS NEII+MED.P AB+mountain
 therefore, when you will see filthy destructor when it is standing about there where it is not its place (the one who is reading
 this word – he ought to ponder on it) the one dwelling in Judea must flee atop the mountains
 Mark 13:14 1976

97.

bwin ōūgan an⁷⁶ Jehova ririñ ame ean mūñana³² ibūm aiaeō ean,
 for+there be.so+PERF GPOS+3S.POS Jehovah do to+1S.DAT on+3S.POS NEII+MED.P AB+day see+1S.OBJ on+3S.POS
 bwe¹² e nim ōbū ōbabakaeō itūrit eñame Lu 1:25
 for 3S.DEP MOD take FAC+bad+RED+1S.GER by+3S.POS AB+person
 for it has been so Jehovah's doing to me in those days observing me on it, so that he should take away my being made bad [my
 being reproached] by men

98.

ougan riring ame eo eow turit Demoniba ean bum ane³²,
 be.so+PERF do to+1S.DAT NEG DIR by+3S.POS lord on+3S.POS day MED+P
 ngaga kanakani amen bwe⁹ nim obu tiniu kamaneangu eow
 TEMP+MED look.on+RED to+1S.DAT+PERF for+3S.DEP MOD take from+1S.POS CAUS+shame+1S.POS DIR
 ian met engame Luke 1:25 1976
 in+3S.POS eye+CONS AB+person
 it has been so the doing to me by the Lord in these days, when has looked upon me so that the causing shame of me [my
 reproach] before men should be taken from me

99.

ngagan bita imin ebwigaga ngea enim pudu turum, inan emwin egen
 therefore NEIII+MED AB+thing 3S.DEP+holy+SUP E+MED 3S.DEP+MOD fall by+2S.POS UNR call name+3S.POS
 bwe eiy Ngain God Lu 1:35 1976
 for 3S.IND child+CONS God
 therefore that holy thing that must be born of you, his name will be called as Son of God

100.

bwe ekeow⁵⁹ engog eiyn⁷⁵ enim eo gona riringen eow turin God Lu 1:37 1976
 for be.not+DIR AB+word INDF+CL11[7] 3S.DEP+MOD NEG able do+3S.GER DIR by+3S.POS God
 for there is not a word it must not have the performing of it by God

101.

enim riring ame imin tekeiy mineiyina⁷⁵ aen! Lu 1:38 1976
 3S.DEP+MOD do to+1S.DAT AB+thing like NEI+CL11[7]+MED word+3S.POS
 it must be done to me according to that word of his
 Permissive/Hortative: let it be done to me according to that word of his

102.

me ongaun i ame ngune¹⁸, bwe¹² enim ore ame eita innen
 & 3S.DEP+depart where to+1S.DAT E+PROX for 3S.DEP+MOD come to+1S.DAT female+MED mother+3S.POS
 wanga Demoniba? Lu 1:43 1976
 RPOS+1S.POS lord
 and from where comes to me this [where has this come from] so that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

103.

iyok, enim emwin on egen bwe Johannes! Lu 1:60 1976
 no 3S.DEP+MOD call COM name+3S.POS for John
 no! he must be called with his name, as John
 Permissive/Hortative: no! let him be called with his name, as John

104.

ro²⁹ abwabweiy amea etongin, bwe amea enim iyyi egen Lu 1:62 1976
 3P.DEP gesture+RED+APPL male+MED father+3S.POS for male+MED 3S.DEP+MPD chose+RED name+3S.POS
 they gestured to its father so that he must chose its name

105.

ã nim tsitan Jehova ñea Gott in Israel Lu 1:68
 3S.DEP MOD praise Jehovah E+MED God CONS Israel
 one must praise Jehovah the God of Israel
 Permissive/Hortative: let Jehovah the God of Israel be praised

106.

bwe⁹ nim otimor katta eatin ian beora ngabuna barueta Lu 1:71 1976

for+3S.DEP MOD FAC+live 1P.INC+OBJ from+3S.POS in+3S.POS hand+3P.POS E+ANIM.P+MED enemy+1P.INC.POS
for he must save us from the hands of those ones, our enemies

107.

bwe¹² e nim òmeata equed ea ada bagadugu me bwe¹² e nim òmaran

for 3S.DEP MOD show AB+favour to GPOS+1P.INC.POS ancestor & for 3S.DEP MOD remember

an berith ñea omo Lu 1:72

GPOS+3S.POS berith E+MED 3S.DEP+good

for he must show favour to our forefathers and for he must remember his berith [covenant] that is righteous

108.

mineiyina⁷⁵ angoget ituwer ituwereiy a amea atta bagadugu ngea

NEI+CL11[7]+MED word+CONS AB+swear swear+APPL to male+MED GPOS+1P.INC.POS ancestor E+MED

Abraham bwe¹² enim okwadeiyon katta Lu 1:73 1976

Abraham for 3S.DEP+MOD FAC+favour+COM 1P.INC.OBJ

that word of oath sworn to our forefather Abraham so that he should show us favour by it

109.

bwe¹² e nim oija gada, ñage ã òtsimor gada atsin iniben

for 3S.DEP MOD give+to 1P.INC.OBJ TEMP+PROX 3S.DEP FAC+live 1P.INC.OBJ from+3S.POS ADV+hand+3S.POS

barüeda, ekona n tsiõ itürin me eõ miow Lu 1:74

enemy+1P.INC.POS AB+able CONS serve by+3S.POS & NEG fear

for he must give us, now we have been saved from in the hand of our enemies, the ability to serve him without fear

110.

bwe¹² enim oiya ngabuna⁴⁰ epon an ngame itied nuwawit itimor

for 3S.DEP+MOD give+to E+ANIM.P+MED gather+CONS GPOS+3S.POS person AB+know concerning+3S.POS AB+live

me eke bwabwain eaden aura dura Lu 1:77 1976

& make object+RED+CONS loosen+3S.GER GPOS+3P.POS sin

for he must give to his people knowledge concerning life and make it the object of their sins being loosened [forgiven]

111.

bwe enim oija iaõ ñabūna re megeda iat²¹ itürügago mi itür

for 3S.DEP+MOD give+to light E+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEP sit.down in+3S.POS AB+dark+SUP & AB+shadow

in ima Lu 1:79

CONS AB+die

for he must give light to those ones sitting in the darkness and the shadow of death

112.

bwe nim oieaw en [an?] on ngabuna ro reita megeda iat iturugago

for+3S.DEP MOD FAC+light COM2 COM E+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEP PROG sit.down in+3S.POS AB+dark+SUP

me iat itur in ima me eeow ean medenat ieow mungana nanata Lu

1:79 1976

& in+3S.POS AB+shadow CONS AB+die & lead on+3S.POS way+CONS AB+peace NEI+MED.P feet+1P.INC.POS

for he must make light by it [shine] those ones they sitting in the darkness and in the shadow of death and lead their feet on the pathway of peace

113.

nuawen aen Augustus Imperator bwe¹² ã nimõ earedaw iat⁷¹ buch

go+PERF word+CONS Augustus Emperor for 3S.DEP MOD write+DIR1+DIR9 in+3S.POS book

eget²¹ eñame memak Lu 2:1

name+CONS AB+person all

the word of Augustus the Emperor then went forth so that the names of all the people should be written up on a book

114.

metat²¹ edogor ion atin turin amea Caesar ngea Augustus, bwe¹² enim

go.out+PERF AB+law INDF from+3S.POS by+3S.POS male+MED Caesar E+MED Augustus for 3S.DEP+MOD

eare angogen atebit²¹ eb memag Lu 2:1 1976

write word+CONS number+CONS land all

a law then came out from [was issued by] Caesar Augustus that it should be written about the number of all the earth

115.

re nuaw memak bwe¹² ã nimõ earedaw iat⁷¹ buch egõra, ion o⁷⁷ enaña

3P.DEP go all for 3S.DEP MOD write+DIR1+DIR9 in+3S.POS book name+3P.POS INDF FV 3S.DEP+go+to

an tekawa Lu 2:3

GPOS+3S.POS city

they all went so that their names should be written up in a book, each one went to his city

116.

ongowet²¹ engame memag memag, bwe¹² enim eare egora,

3S.DEP+go+PERF AB+person all all for 3S.DEP+MOD write name+3P.POS

ro²⁹ gadagatotow ian wongara dagawa Lu 2:3 1976

3P.DEP CAUS+one+RED+DIR in+3S.POS RPOS+3P.POS town

all the people then went away so that their names should be written down, each one in their cities

117.

bwe¹² ã nimõ eare egen me Maria ñea weiden, ñea ejeñ Lu 2:5

for 3S.DEP MOD write name+3S.POS & Maria E+MED betrothed+3S.POS E+MED 3S.DEP+pregnant

so that his name and Maria's, his betrothed who was pregnant, should be written

118.

bwe enim ere [sic; eare] egoror⁶⁸ eita Maria ngea oeiden, ngea yeng

for 3S.DEP+MOD write name+3D.POS female+MED Maria E+MED betrothed+3S.POS E+MED pregnant

ngaga Lu 2:5 1976

TEMP+MED

so that his name and Mary's, his betrothed (who was pregnant at that time), should be recorded

119.

ã nimõ tsitan Gott ino togit²¹ ogoda Lu 2:14

3S.DEP MOD praise God yonder end+CONS AB+high

one must praise God Most High

Permissive/Hortative: let God Most High be praised

120.

anin omotañitañ õpan a bwe¹² enim eõ ma ian obwen

spirit+3S.POS 3S.POS+good+SUP 3S.DEP+speak to for 3S.DEP+MOD NEG die in+3S.POS before+3S.POS

an aia wõn⁷⁶ Gott Kristo Lu 2:26

GPOS+3S.POS see RPOS+3S.POS God Christ

the most righteous spirit [holy spirit] spoke to him that he would not die before his seeing the Christ of God

121.

ã nimõ tsitan Gott ino togit ogođa Lu 2:14

3S.DEP MOD praise God yonder end+CONS 3S.DEP+high
 one must praise God Most High / let God Most High be praised

122.

ipudutūbwit²¹ eran⁵⁴ nan wataba mō¹² ōtsiōta anūm bwe enim ōmeata

AB+sword INDF+CL30[3] UNR pierce & stab soul+2P.POS for 3S.DEP+MOD bring.out

kamararin būriōūt eñame ñan ebak Lu 2:35

think+CONS innards+CONS AB+person E+P+ numerous

a sword will pierce and stab your soul for he must reveal the reasonings of the hearts of many people

123.

ipudutubwit²¹ eran⁵⁴ inan watabwa bet annum ngawe⁵⁵, bwe¹² enim eke

AB+sword INDF+CL30[3] UNR pierce also soul+2S.POS E+2S.IND for 3S.DEP+MOD make

onungitaen an kamarar mungana marat engame ebwak Lu 2:35 1976

reveal+3S.GER GPOS+3S.POS think NEII+MED.P mind+CONS AB+person numerous

a sword will pierce through also your own spirit for he must make the revealing of the thoughts of the minds of many people/he must reveal the reasonings of the hearts of many people

124.

bwi¹² i ta megeda inimagen amen kereri, bwe¹² e nim tō kaiōt aeōra Lu 2:46

for only sit.down among+3S.POS male+CONS CAUS+instruct for 3S.DEP MOD only hear word+3P.POS

for he just sat among the teachers so that he should hear their words

125.

tin ia awe^{39,59} amea Ngain God me pwana ko bitune epe bwe⁹ nim

COND 2S.IND male+MED child+CONS God & speak+to COMM NEIII+PROX AB+stone for+3S.DEP MOD
 make+3S.IND loaf

if you are the Son of God, command this stone that it should become a loaf of bread

126.

ngea aro won coat⁶⁰ enim oiya amea ngea ekeow wona ion⁶⁰;

E+MED two RPOS+3SPOS coat 3S.DEP+MOD give+to male+MED E+MED be.not+DIR RPOS+1S.POS INDF

me ngea etimine bwait²¹ iyeiyi turin⁶⁰, enim ouga bet Lu 3:11 1976

& E+MED 3S.DEP+exist object+CONS AB+food by+3S.POS 3S.DEP+MOD be.so

the one who has two coats, he must give one to that man who does not have one of his own; and the one who has foodstuffs, he must be the same / let him be the same

127.

me nanga bita synagoge eat⁷¹ sabbath tekeiy mwanin turin me

& go+to NEIII+MED synagogue on+3S.POS sabbath like wise+3S.POS by+3S.POS &

oeiyon bwe⁹ nim retin Lu 4:16 1976

stand+PERF for MOD read

and he went to the synagogue on the sabbath according to his custom and then stood up so that he should read

128.

me kong amea bwe¹² enim ebueow eb eken⁴⁴ Lu 5:3 1976

& ask male+MED for 3S.DEP+MOD short+DIR land INDF+CL20[21]

and he asked him so that it should be short to the land a bit [put out a little from the land]

129.

me¹² ere ko bita am wuim me eke bwain okaderedereiyem
 & extend COMM NEII+MED GPOS+2S.POS sacrifice & make object+CONS FAC+CAUS+clean+APPL+2S.GER
 tekeiy dogereiyetow turin amea Moses ngago bwe¹² enim eke
 like law+APPL+3S.GER+DIR by+3S.POS male+MED Moses TEMP+DIST for 3S.DEP+MOD make
 okaduwaneiyet imin ea ura Lu 5:14b 1976

FAC+CAUS+true+APPL+3S.GER AB+thing to 3P.IND

and offer your sacrifice and make it the object for your being made clean according to the command by Moses in times past so that it should act as the giving witness of the matter to them

130.

enim riring mungana me¹² eo eatow riringen mungana Lu 11:42

3S.DEP+MOD do NEII+MED.P & NEG leave do+3S.GER NEII+MED.P

one ought to do those things and not leave off the doing of those (other) things

131.

re¹² eke abumin⁵³ angoo mungana ibum enim eke bwait emogur Lu 13:14 1976

3P.DEP make NP+5[11]+CONS six NEII+MED.P AB+day 3S.DEP+MOD make object+CONS AB+work

they number six days those days one ought to make the object of work

132.

eitune²⁸ ngain amea Abraham, ngea amea satan okworien, kania, ean

female+PROX child+CONS male+MED Abraham E+MED male+MED Satan 3S.DEP+bind+PERF look on+3S.POS

ata me aoiyu eobweni, enim eo ewuina ia ead kworen

ten & eight AB+year 3S.DEP+MOD NEG fitting COND loosen bind+3S.GER

eat⁷¹ sabbath? Lu 13:16 1976

on+3S.POS sabbath

this daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has already bound, look, for eighteen years, ought it not be fitting that one loosens her bindings on the sabbath?

133.

ngane³² okor mungana engog a oraiy angen⁶⁶ kamie, ngaga a tuk tangumie,

E+PROX.P INTENS NEII+MED.P AB+word 1S.DEP cast to+VNI+PERF 2P.OBJ TEMP+MED 1S.DEP yet by+2P.POS

ngana⁶¹ enim owongon memag memag imin ngana eogiten eare angogetow²¹

E+MED.P 3S.DEP+MOD fulfill+COM all all AB+thing E+MED.P 3S.DEP+COMP write about+3S.POS+DIR

ian mungana an dogor Moses Lu 24:44 1976

in+3S.POS NEII+MED.P GPOS+3S.POS law Moses

these truly are those words I have already spoken to you, when I was with you, that must be fulfilled, all the things that had been written about it in the Laws of Moses

134.

enim kor iyiy medenan ina iwugagain Samaria John 4:4 1976

3S.DEP+MOD INTENS chose+RED way+CONS there amidst+CONS Samaria

he needed to select the routes through Samaria

135.

amie mwan⁶⁶ ouge ngana Jerusalem eiy etang mwarina⁷⁸ engame nim

2P.IND 2P.DEP+VNI say E+MED.P Jerusalem 3S.IND AB+place CL23[22]+MED AB+person MOD

daramawir ean John 4:20 1976

worship on+3S.POS

you yourself say that Jerusalem is the place, the place that people ought to worship in it

136.

etsimine⁵⁹ wama dogor ion, ñea eimwi bwe¹² e nim ima eow ean John 19:73S.DEP+esixt RPOS+1P.EXC.POS law INDF E+MED right for 3S.DEP MOD die DIR on+3S.POS
there is a law of ours/we have a law that this is right that he should die by it

137.

etimine⁵⁹ wama doger ion me ouge bita edoger ngana⁶¹ enim ima John 19:7 19763S.DEP+exist RPOS+1P.EXC.POS law INDF & say NEIII+MED AB+law E+MED.P 3S.DEP+MOD die
there is a law of ours/we have a law and that law says that he must die

138.

ngaga ro¹² oiyuwoten⁸³ ngana⁶¹ eiya a mea ngea ita mamegedaw inimet⁵⁰

TEMP+MED 3P.DEP recognize E+MED.P 3S.IND male+MED E+MED only sit.down+RED+DIR9 LOC+eye+CONS

tempel ngarana⁵⁴ Enagege egen bwe⁹ nim ta kongokongong Ac 3:10 1976

temple E+CL30[3]+MED AB+beautiful name+3S.POS for+3S.DEP MOD only request+RED+RED

at that time they already recognized that he was the man who sat about at the gate of the temple, that (gate) which The Beautiful its name in order to beg

139.

ian am erere murana⁵⁴ bem bwait gatimor bwe⁹ nim meta itema

in+3S.POS GPOS.2S.POS extend+RED NEII+CL30[3]+MED hand+2S.POS object+CONS CAUS+live for MOD go.out AB+sign

me wunder eow ian egen a mea Ngaim Ac 3:30 1976

& wonder DIR in+3S.POS name+CONS male+MED child+2S.POS

In your outstretched hand the object of healing so that sign and wonders may occur in the name of your Son

140.

ngaga ammaen an obweni a mea me metan an kamarar bwe⁹ nim

TEMP+MED forty+PERF GPOS+3S.POS year male+MED & go.out+DIR8 GPOS+3S.POS think for MOD

tuwin aae men ngabuna idiedin, ngabuna eoning in Israel Ac 7:23 1976

go.to+CONS see eye+CONS E+ANIM.P+MED sibling+RED+3S.POS E+ANIM.P+MED AB+younr CONS Israe

when already forty his years that man/when he was already forty, there entered into his thinking that he should go see the face of his brothers

141.

me roraen a mea Moses me miowen ie⁹ nim kania Ac 7:32 1976

& shake+PERF male+MED Moses & fear+PERF COND+3S.DEP MOD look

Moses then shook and was afraid if he should behold him

142.

enim edetow kor ura Ac 15:5 1976

3S.DEP+MOD cut+RED INTENS 3P.IND

they ought to be circumcised

143.

a oreita oeiyo iat²¹ ekom won a mea Caesar, enim mwid angogo

1S.DEP PROG stand in+3S.POS judge RPOS+3S.POS male+MED Caesar 3S.DEP+MOD separate word+1S.OBJ

eow ina Ac 25:10 1976

DIR there

I am standing in Caesar's court, I must judged here

Permissive/Hortative: I am standing in Caesar's court, let me be judged here

144.

tsin õ [iõ?] ñaŋnin, e nim eõ gauwei mere, ña tsin ie⁹ eõ kōŋga,
 COND depart 3S.DEP MOD NEG repeat marry or COND NEG CAUS+be.so
 e nimõ maerer a agen 1Co 7:11

3S.DEP MOD reconcile to spouse+3S.POS

if she departs, she must not marry again or, if it is not so, she must reconcile to her husband

Permissive/Hortative: if she departs, let her not marry again [let her remain unmarried], or, if it is not so, let her be reconciled to her husband

145.

tsin ia amea eteñ mek itañin, e nim eõ ñaŋnin 1Co 7:13

COND male+MED 3S.DEP+want dwell by+3S.POS 3S.DEP MOD NEG depart

if he wants to dwell with her, she must not depart

Permissive/Hortative: if he wants to dwell with her, let her not depart

146.

amea ngea oreit ogapwaeda n kiyeo eat²¹ emwarere, enim opwae
 male+MED E+MED PROG till CONS cultivate on+3S.POS AB+soil 3S.DEP+MOD turn.over
 ian an hope 1Co 9:10 1976

in+3S.POS GPOS+3S.POS hope

the man who is tilling for cultivation in the soil, he ought to go about it in his hope

147.

ngea ouge ngana⁶¹ oreita mameg ian enim megeiy an meg bet
 E+MED say E+MED.P PROG dwell+RED in+3S.POS 3S.DEP+MOD dwell+APPL GPOS+3S.POS dwell also
 tekeiy deidein amea n megeiy an meg 1John 2:6 1976

like manner+CONS male+MED CONS dwell+APPL GPOS+3S.POS dwell

the one who says that he is continually abiding in him, he ought to abide by his abiding (live the life) also according to the custom of he that abided by his abiding (lived the life)

148.

eitune²⁸ ngain amea Abraham, ngea amea satan okworien,
 female+PROX child+CONS male+MED Abraham E+MED male+MED satan 3S.DEP+bind+PERF
 kania, ean ata me aoiyu eobweni, enim eo ewuina ia
 look, on+3S.POS ten and eight AB+year 3S.DEP+MOD NEG fitting COND
 ead kworen eat⁷¹ sabbath? Lu 13:16 1976

loosen bind+3S.GER on+3S.POS sabbath

this daughter of Abraham, whom Satan had already bound, look, for eighteen years, ought it not be fitting that one loosens her bindings on the sabbath?

149.

God enim oten mwan ngaga, ia enim mwid wong angogen mungane eb ?
 God 3S.DEP+MOD how wise TEMP+MED COND 3S.DEP+MOD separate SUCC word+CONS NEII+E+PROX.P land
 Ro 3:6 1976

God – it must be how his wisdom at that time if he should judge this earth to success? / how may God's wisdom be at that time that he should judge this earth to success?

150.

enim oten an ameneiywong bita an kamawir? 1Co 14:16

3S.DEP+MOD how GPOS+3S.POS amen+APPL+SUCC NEIII+MED GPOS+3S.POS greet

it must be how his giving the 'amen' to his greeting? / how may it be his giving the 'amen' to his greeting?

151.

enim oten naga deideimiengin⁶⁶ meg ngea ebum me amie marum

3S.DEP+MOD how directly manner+2P.POS+VNI+CONS dwell E+MED 3S.DEP+holy & GPOS+2P.POS zeal

ea God 2Pe3:11

to God

it must be how your manner of living that is holy and your zeal for God? / how may it be your manner of living that is holy and your zeal for God?

152.

inan ina yuw akorit²¹ imin, ia enim kan oeiyo tuk priest ion

UNR there more necessary+CONS AB+thing COND 3S.DEP+MOD again stand still priest INDF

tekeiy deidein amea Melchisedech...? He 7:11 1976

like manner+CONS male+MED Melchizedek

what further [need] was there that another priest should stand according to the manner of Melchizedek...?

153.

Gott a pana bett Noa enim wei dobot ouwak, mūwena⁷⁹ ark,

God speak+to also Noah 3S.DEP+MOD build boat big NEII+12[5]+MED ark

me enim abu amen bwien me earit²¹ imin gögörõ ian NB2.13

& 3S.DEP+MOD take male+CONS home+3S.POS & sort+CONS AB+thing run+RED in+3S.POS

God also spoke to Noah:let him build a large boat, the ark, and let him take into it his household and sorts of animals

8.3.4. 1st Person Dual Inclusive Actor (you and I).

154.

tūkō bwa¹² arūm ōrenōt etōñidar wein, ma ar nan mequōredu
 come+COMM for 1D.INC.DEF+MOD FAC+drink+COM father+1D.INC.POS wine & 1D.INC.DEF UNR lie+DIR2
 a, bwa¹² arumō¹⁶ kona adar karig itūrit etōñidar Ge 19:32
 to for 1D.INC.DEF+MOD able GPOS+1D.INC.POS CAUS+create by+3S.POS father+1D.INC.POS
 come so that we may make to drink with wine our father and we will lie down with him so that we may get our offspring
 through our father

155.

arūm kan ōrenōt⁷¹ wein ñage ijemero Ge 19:34
 1D.INC.DEF+MOD again FAC+drink+COM wine TEMP+PROX LOC+evening
 let us both make him drink wine again this evening

156.

tūkō bwa arūmō ouwak adar auwawã gadar
 come+COMM for 1D.INC.DEF+MOD FAC+big GPOS+1D.INC.POS love+RED 1D.INC.OBJ
 me gapūmaran; arūmō batsi iat⁶⁴ auwawã Pr 7:18
 & spend.day.&.night 1D.INC.DEF+MOD cheer in+3S.POS love+RED
 come so that we may make great our [expressions of our] love and spend the night; let us cheer ourselves with [expressions of]
 love

157.

wo eō rewinō ñage; bwe eimwi bwa arūm oduwet²¹ emo memak Matt 3:15
 2S.DEF NEG hinder+1S.OBJ TEMP+PROX for right for 1D.INC.DEF+MOD fulfil AB+good all
 do not hinder me this time for it is right that we both should fulfill all righteousness

158.

oiya ko townen bwe nim riring ngage, bwe ewuina kattar ia ar um ouga
 give.to COMM turn+CONS for MOD do TEMP+PROX for fitting.to 1D.INCL.OBJ COND 1D.INC.DEF MOD be.so
 me eke owongonen memag mungan eimwi Matt 3:15 1976
 & make FAC+success+3S.GER all NEII+P+ right
 allow it so that it should be done/let it be this time for it is fitting for the two of us if we both should be thus and make the
 fulfilment of all these righteous things

8.3.5. 1st Person Dual Exclusive Actor (he and I).

159.

mi Jehova òijòtuen gamar bwa amarũmõ òekeow Ge 19:13

& Jehovah send.down+PERF 1D.EXC.OBJ for 1D.EXC.DEP+MOD FAC+be.not
and Jehovah then sent the two of us down so that we should destroy it/to destroy it

160.

amarũm emwemwit²¹ äita eoniñ in ãn Ge 24:57

1D.EXC.DEP+MOD call+RED female+MED AB+young CONS female
the two of us should call the young woman /let the two of us call the young woman

161.

okwadeiy ko kamar, bwe amarum megeda wong

FAC+favour+APPL COMM 1DEXC.OBJ for 1D.EXC.DEP+MOD sit.up SUCC

eat⁵⁰ demarumwin bem Mark 10:37 1976

on+3S.POS right.hand+CONS hand+2S.POS
show the two of us favour, so that we may sit on your right hand

162.

ĩña ino wo ãeñ bwa amarũmõ gadauw iow ean? Lu 22:9

where yonder 2S.DEP desire for 2D.EXC.DEP+MOD prepare DIR on+3S.POS
where do you wish that we should prepare for it/where do you wish us to prepare it?

163.

inga ina wo teng bwe amar um gadauw? Lu 22:9 1976

where there 2S.DEP want for 2D.EXC.DEP MOD prepare
where do you want that we should prepare it?/where do you want us to prepare it?

164.

ngea oreit obebe burioumar ian memag amar roe bwe

E+MED PROG FAC+light heart+1D.EXC.POS in+3S.POS all GPOS+1D.EXC.POS heavy for

amar um obebe wong bet ngabuna i t⁹ ekekae aura oningora

2D.EXC.DEP MOD FAC+light SUCC also E+ANIM.P+MED only separate+RED GPOS+3S.POS distress+3P.POS

the one who is comforting us in all our troubles so that we should also fully comfort those ones whose sufferings are different

2Co 1:4 1976

165.

ouga bwe amar teng bet ian burioumar bwe amar um eo meg 2Co 1:8 1976

be.so for 1D.EXC.DEP want also in+3S.POS heart+1D.EXC.POS for 1D.EXC.DEP MOD NEG dwell
such that we wanted also in our spirit that we should not stay

166.

amar ogiten ongaeow ian burioumar angogen amar ima bwe ngam

2D.EXC.DEP COMP place in+3S.POS hear +2D.EXC.POS word+CONS GPOS+2D.EXC.POS AB+die for lest

amar ta tuebon kamar ngamar⁵⁵, bwe amar um tuebon God,

2D.EXC.DEP only confidence 2D.EXC.OBJ E+2D.EXC.IND for 2D.EXC.DEP MOD trust God

ngea oridan iat²¹ ima ngabuna re man 2Co 1:9 1976

E+MED FAC+rise.up+DIR8 in+3S.POS AB+die E+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEP die+PERF

we had placed in our hearts about our death, lest we trust in ourselves, so that we should trust in God, the one who raises from death those who are dead

167.

me i ta müñana uquan muäna⁴⁵ e mäg inna iugagain paradies Gott

& only NEII+MED.P fruit+CONS NEII+CL27[6]+MED 3S.DEP dwell there middle+3S.POS paradise God

e dogereijien kamar, bue amar üm eö an me eö touwetouwe

3S.DEP command+APPL 1D.EXC.OBJ for 2D.EXC.DEP MOD NEG eat & NEG touch+RED

bue ñam amar ima Nuw 4:2

for lest 2D.EXC.DEP die

and only the fruit of the tree in the centre of the paradise, God commanded the two of us that we should not eat or touch it lest we die

8.3.6. 2nd Person Dual Actor.

168.

mar'üm [sic; mwar'üm] mogur NG5

2D.DEP+MOD

work

you (two) must work

169.

dögit²¹ ekeken ñag amwarüm ekewen ian ta aibümin⁵³? Ge 27:45

reason+3SPOS what TEMP+MED 2D.DEP+MOD be.not+DIR+PERF in+3S.POS only NP+one+CL5[11]

why then should you two have ceased to be in just one day?

[ekewen is a variant spelling of ekeowen]

170.

bwa amwarüm towepo earuwei 2Ti 4:11

for 2D.DEP+MOD come.along DIR7

so that you two should come along to me

171.

adag öüga ñan epo büriöümürör bwa amwarüm öij Anin Gott? Ac 5:9

why be.so E+P+ together heart+2D.POS for 2D.DEP+MOD test spirit+CONS God

why is it so that the hearts of you two are in agreement that you two should test the spirit of God?

172.

adaga naga ta amuror³⁹ mwar onga mwimurur bwe mwar nim

why directly only 2D.IND 2D.DEP [---] mouth+2D.POS for 2D.DEP MOD

iuy amea annin God? Ac 5:9 1976

test male+MED spirit+CONS God

why the two of you agreed that both of you should test the spirit of God

8.3.7. 3rd Person Dual Actor.

173.

öni kö mürümena⁸⁰ bw'ör 'üm riring müngane NG:205
 fetch COMM NEII+two+male for+2DDEP MOD do NEII+MED.P
 fetch those two men so that they should do these things

174.

m⁹ oij ahet⁶⁶ ärumena⁵⁶ agän me ñain bue ör 'üm an? NG219
 & give to+VNI+PERF female+two+ANIM+MED spouse+3S.POS & child+3S.POS for 3D.DEP+MOD eat
 and then give to his wife and his child so that both might eat?

175.

ör ta rodu roga bue ör um aae määörör NG221
 3D.DEP only go.down go.up for 3D.DEP MOD see+RED eye+3D.POS
 the two of them went uphill and downhill so that they might see their faces/so that they might see each other

176.

arüm ökaijoda itüga böör in öeta Ex 25:20
 3D.DEP+MOD spread above hand+3D.POS CONS jump
 both should spread out their wings upwards

177.

Maria Magdalena, me Maria ñea ion, ar naña mürana⁵⁴ eraö in ima
 Mary Magdalene & Mary E+MED INDF 3D.DEP go.to NEII+CL30[3]+MED AB+cave CONS AB+die
 bwa arüm aia Matt 28:1
 for 3D.DEP+MOD see
 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the cave-tomb, that they might see

178.

me ongowet eita Maria Magdalena me eita Maria ion,
 & 3S.DEP+go+PERF female+MED Mary Magdalene & female+MED Mary INDF
 bwe ar um aae murana⁵⁴ raoit⁶⁴ amen ima Matt 28:1 1976
 for 2D.DEP MOD see+RED NEII+CL30[3]+MED cave+CONS man+CONS AB+DIE
 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary then went so that they might/to see the cave-tomb

179.

ar ta görö bwa arüm pan a ran an kereri Matt 28:8
 3D.DEP only run for 3D.DEP+MOD speak to branch+CONS GPOS+3S.POS CAUS+learn
 the two of them just ran so that they might/in order to speak to his disciples

180.

or gorogor eaeow bwe or um mwineneiy a ngabuna ran
 3D.DEP run+RED towards for 3D.DEP MOD news+APPL to E+ANIM.P+MED branch+CONS
 an kereri angogen Matt 28:8 1976
 GPOS+3S.POS CAUS+learn word+CONS
 the two of them ran out so that they might/in order to give news to his disciples about it

181.

ñaga etõñin mi inen õreatow ina oniñ ia Jesu, bwa arũmõ

TEMP+MED father+3S.POS & mother+3S.POS bring+DIR there young MED Jesu for 3D.DEP+MOD

ririñ a tekei dedet edogor Lu 1:27

do to like manner+CONS AB+law

when his father and his mother brought there that child Jesus, so that they should perform to it according to the ways of the law

182.

or otowen Jerusalem bwe or um oeiyoratow²¹ ian met⁵⁰ Demoniba

3D.DEP bring+PERF Jerusalem for 3D.DEP MOD make.to.stand in+3S.POS eye+3S.POS lord

the two of them then brought him to Jerusalem so that they should make him stand [present him] before the Lord

Lu 2:22 1976

183.

ngaga eirumena⁵⁶ innen me etongin or omeatu bita ngaiuror

TEMP+MED female+two+ANIM+MED mother+3S.POS & father+3S.POS 3D.DEP bring.in NEIII+MED child+3D.POS

ngea Jesus bwe or um riring imin bwe dogin tekeiy mwanin eow

E+MED Jesus for 3D.DEP MOD do AB+thing for reason+3S.POS like wise+3S.POS DIR

lat²¹ edoger Lu 2:27 1976

in+3S.POS AB+law

when his mother and his father brought their child Jesus into it (the temple) so that they should perform things because of according to its custom in the law

184.

ñag ar eõ ãt, ar tik redõ eowen Jerusalem bwa arũm õnani Lu 2:45

TEMP+MED 3D.DEP NEG find 3D.DEP still return DIR+PERF Jerusalem for 3D.DEP+MOD search

when they did not find him, they both then again returned to Jerusalem so that they should look for him

185.

ngaga or eo eed me or tuk redoeowen Jerusalem bwe or um

TEMP+MED 3D.DEP NEG find & 3D.DEP still return+DIR+PERF Jerusalem for 3D.DEP MOD

ta onani Lu 2:45 1976

only search

when they did not find him, they both then returned to Jerusalem so that they should look for him

186.

bwe or um prophecy eiy wong Re 11:3 1976

for 3D.DEP MOD prophecy APPL SUCC

so that the two should accomplish the prophesying

187.

amärumena⁶⁵ Petrus me Johannes ör naña etempel, bue ör üm

male+two+ANIM+MED Peter & John 3D.DEP go.to AB+TEMPLE for 3D.DEP MOD

detaro NuwNT 83:1

pray

those two men, Peter and John, they went to the temple so that they might pray

188.

bue ör üm nañ a bue ej³⁹ e nüm o gona bät ekaijöt⁶⁴ añögen Gott
 for 3S.DEP MOD go to for 3S.IND 3S.DEP MOD able also AB+ hear word+CONS God

atin ian murör NuwNT 92:2

from+3S.POS in+3S.POS mouth+3D.POS

so that both should go to him in order that he, he also should be able to hear about God from the two of them

189.

aia²⁸[sic] enim buok amea agen ia ar nim wereri ngaiur NB1.17

female+MED 3SDEP+MOD help male+MED spouse+3SPOS COND 3D.DEP MOD instrux child+3D.POS

she should help her husband when the two of them should instruct their children

8.3.8. 1st Person Trial Inclusive Actor.

190.

bwa aijüm edu, ma aijümö öekae aura kakairü

for 3T.INC.DEP+MOD go.down & 3T.INC.DEP+MOD FAC+separate GPOS+3P.POS talk

bwe re nim iki ian aeöra Ge 11:7

for 3P.DEP MOD not.know in+3S.POS word+3P.POS

so that we three go down and we three make different their language so that they might not understand their words

[Note: purely on textual matters, the Hebrew language does not have a trial personal pronoun set, this is the translators' doctrinal positions]

191.

A kōñ aw bwa aijüm padu ian bitune tekawa ñea wañara tekawa

1S.DEP ask to+2S.OBJ for 1T.INC.DEP+MOD turn.aside in+3S.POS NEIII+PROX town E+MED RPOS+3P.POS town

dei Jebus ma aijümö mequör ina Judg 19:11

people.of Jebus & 1T.INC.DEP+MOD lie there

I also of you that we three should turn aside into this town which is the town of the Jubusites and we three should lie there

192.

aijüm eö padu ian aūra tekawa eratequö Judg 19:12

1T.INC.DEP+MOD NEG turn.aside in+3S.POS GPOS+3S.POS town AB+foreigner

let us not turn aside into the town of foreigners

193.

nuabet bwa aijüm tūren a etañ emwarin⁷⁸ inimagen mūñane etañ Judg 19:13

go+also for 1T.INC.DEP+MOD near to AB+place INDF+CL23[22] among+3S.POS NEII+E+MED.P AB+place

go then, for we should go near to a place among those places

8.3.9. 1st Person Trial Exclusive Actor.

194.

ameiũmõ ririñ berith ion epo aw Ge 26:28

1T.EXC.DEP+MOD do covenant INDF together.with to+2S.OBJ
we three must make a covenant with you
let the three of us make a covenant with you

195.

amei ñaũn Bethlehem-Juda bwa ameiũm ñow ean eben ũbwiet
1T.EXC.DEP leave Bethlehem-Judah for 1T.EXC.DEP+MOD go on+3S.POS land+CONS home+CONS
ibwibwin Ephraim ñaben⁴⁹ õpagedu-pagada ñaben⁴⁹ edõgen apwewa⁸¹ bwa
grandchild+RED+CONS Ephraim E+CL10[15]+ roll.up roll-down E+CL10[15]+ side+CONS apwewa for
aña amen ina Judg 19:18

1S.IND male+CONS

we three departed Bethlehem-Judah so that we should go to the land inheritance of the Ephraimites, which is hilly, which is towards the side of *apwewa* for I am of there

196.

bwe ameyum pwana ura angogen bita evangelium Ac 16:10 1976

for 1T.EXC.DEP+MOD speak+to 3P.IND word+3S.POS NEIII+MED evangel
so that we should speak to them about the evangel [good news]

197.

bwe ngaga bet amey moga amo me eomedomodo kameiy eow Philippi,
for TEMP+MED also 1T.EXC.DEP suffer first & 3S.DEP+FAC+oppress 1T.EXC.OBJ DIR Philippi
tekeiy amie tied, me mwa [sic, ma] oaoen [sic] burioumey bet ian
like GPOS+2P.POS know & 1P.EXCL.DEP FAC+strong+PERF heart+1T.ECL.POSS also in+3S.POS
ameiy tuebon amea wara God bwe amey um pwopwatow²¹ bet
GPOS+1T.EXC.POS confidence male+MED RPOS+3P.POS God for 1T.EXC.DEP MOD speak+RED+DIR also
ubwiomie angogen bita evangelium iat⁶⁴ akake ngea ouwak
home+1T.EXC.POS word+CONS NEIII+MED evangel in+3S.POS AB+fight+RED E+MED big
for at that time also we three suffered first and they persecuted us at Philippi, according to your knowledge/as you know, and we three strengthened our hearts also in our confidence in God that we might proclaim also in your homelands concerning the evangel with great struggles

1Thess 2:2 1976

198.

eo okorin, bwe amey um eare ea kamie angogen amie auwe
NEG necessary+CONS for 1T.EXCL.DEP MOD write to 2P.OBJ word+CONS GPOS+2P.POS love
ngabuna idiedimeiy dogin bwe amie okor mwa omwatowen⁸²

E+ANIM.P+MED sibling+RED+2T.POS reason+3S.POS for 2P.IND INTENS 2P.DEP FAC+wise+DIR+PERF

turin God, bwe t amie mwaim auwe kamie 1Thess 4:9 1976

by+3SPOS God for only 2P.IND 2P..DEP+MOD love 2P.OBJ

it is not necessary that we three should write to you concerning your loving your three brothers because you really have been made wise/instructed by God that you should love one another

199.

ameiy, meiyum eotogin dangkeiy God eat ibum eaeow bwe dogumie

1T.EXC.IND 1T.EXC.DEP+MOD NEG+end+3S.POS thank God on+3S.POS AB+day towards for reason+2P.POS
we, we must thank God ceaselessly in the days to come because of you

2Thes 2:13[12] 1976

8.3.10. 2nd Person Trial Actor.

200.

A kōñ a gamiāi bwa amweiũmō buōkō bwa A nim ekam dōgōn

1S.DEP request to 2T.POBJ for 2T.DEP+MOD help+1S.OBJ for 1S.DEP MOD NEG take.notice

me eñame ia aiquen Job 32:21

& AB+person COND one

I request of you that you should assist me so that I should not take notice of even one man (i.e. show preference towards)

201.

adag, ōūga kōr būriōūmiāi, ñamiāi Sadrach, Mesach me Abed-Nego,

why be.so INTENS heart+2T.POS E+2T.IND Shadrach Meshach & Abednego

ñan amweiũm eō tsiō itūrin aduwō...? Da 3:14

E+P+ 2T.DEP+MOD NEG serve by+3S.POS god+1S.POS

are the hearts of you three the same, Shadrach Meshach and Abednego, that you should not be in service of my god?

202.

ei y ngea mweiyum erabwan Matt 17:5 1976

3S.IND E+MED 2T.DEP+MOD obey

he is the one you should obey

8.3.11. 3rd Person Trial Actor.

203.

ñaga ata ma aro an obāni Jesus me tow epo añet^{66,21} ärumena

TEMP+MOD ten & two GPOS+S.POS year Jesus & go together.with to+VNI+PERF female+two+ANIM+MED

Innen me tōñin bue areij um oñow Jerusalem NG213

mother+3S.POS & father+3S.POS for 3D.DEP MOD go.+DIR Jerusalem

when Jesus was twelve years [of age] he then went with his parents so that they should go to Jerusalem

204.

bwa areiũm ake a ūra 2Ki 3:21

for 3T.DEP+MOD fight to 3P.IND

that the three of them should fight against them

205.

arei ōmamo būriōūrei bwa areiũmō naña mi nōñi mō¹² ōbebe būriōūn Job 2:11

3T.DEP set heart+3T.POS for 3T.DEP+MOD go.to & bemoan & FAC+light heart+3S.POS

the three of them set their hearts that they might go to him and bemoan for him and comfort him

206.

areiy erow ekaboiyarara bwe areiy um tuwin obid Mark 16:1 1976

3T.DEP buy AB+CAUS+scent+SUP for 3T.DEP MOD go.to+CONS anoint

the three of them bought perfumed oils so that they might go to anoint him

207.

areij obü ekaboirara bue areij üm tuwuin öboirara tuwen Jesus NuwNT 76:2

3T.DEP take AB+CAUS+scent+SUP for 3T.DEP MOD go.CONS FAC+scent+SUP flesh+CONS Jesus
 the three of them took perfumed oils so that they might go to apply perfumed oils to the body of Jesus

208.

aijimet amän ake areij togit egirow iat⁶⁴ ake, areij üm quor amätimena⁶⁵

three+male male+CONS fight 3T.DEP end+CONS AB+anger in+3S.POS AB+fight 3T.DEP MOD bind male+three+ANIM+MED

dedemaro me örajäduw ian om ia üreij Nuw 79:6

youth & throw.down+DIR9 in+3S.POS oven MED 3T.IND

three soldiers – the three extremely furious in battle - the three of them bound those tree youths and threw the three of them down into that furnace

8.3.12. 1st Person Plural Inclusive Actor.

209.

aň'üm detaro NG:5

1P.INC.DEP+MOD pray
 we must pray/let us pray

210.

bwe ekeow bet tuk eg ion yungin ian oeron ia eoiyanget⁶⁶ engame

for be.not+DIR also yet name INDF under+3S.POS heaven COND 3S.DEP+give+to+VNI+PERF AB+person

ngea ang um timor wotow⁸³ ean Ac 4:12 1976

E+MED 1P.INC.DEP MOD tive SUCC+DIR on+3S.POS

for there is not another name under heaven that has been given to humans by which we might successfully live

211.

ang um eo kouge bwe God eiy³⁹ didobo a gold me silver Ac 17:29 1976

1P.INC.DEP MOD NEG CAUS+be.so for God 3S.IND similar to gold & silver
 we ought not say that God is similar to gold and silver

212.

ekegen naga ang um pwan? Ro 7:7 1976

what directly 1P.INC.DEP MOD speak
 what now ought we to say?

213.

erowiow mungana gat⁵⁰ duwen bwe ang um ta mameg ubwiet⁵⁰

leave NEII+MED.P vesset+CONS flesh+3S.POS for 1P.INC.DEP MOD only dwell+RED home+CONS

Demoniba 2Co 5:8 1976

Lord

forsake the fleshly vessels so that we may continually dwell in the home of the Lord

214.

bwe ang um oeibogieiywong burioun 2Co 5:9 1976

for 1P.INC.DEP MOD FAC+glad+APPL+SUC heart+3S.POS

so that we should successfully make glad his heart /be well pleasing to hi

215.

ngagan, ian obwet imin memag, a metimeti, bwe nim egagee
 therefore in+3S.POS front+3S.POS AB+thing all 1S.DEP urge for MOD entreat
 me detaroeiy...
 & pray +APPL
 bwe togit engame memag memag...bwe ang um megeiy wong megita
 for reason+3S.POS AB+person all all for 1P.INC.DEP MOD dwell+APPL SUCC dwell+1P.INCL.POS
 iat ieow 1Tim 2:1, 2 1976
 in+3S.POS AB+peace
 therefore, before all things, I urge that you should entreat and pray ...for all people...so that we may successfully live our
 lives in peace

216.

ngagan, ang nanga ko murana thron it ekwed ian marumwin
 therefore 1P.INC.DEP go.to COMM NEII+CL30[3]+MED throne CONS AB+favour in+3S.POS eager+CONS
 atta tueb bwe ang um ogona auwe en t egeta
 GPOS+1P.INC.POS faith for 1P.INCL.DEP MOD able kindness+1P.INCL.POS
 me okwadeiyeta He 4:16 1976
 & FAC+favour+1P.INCL.GER
 therefore, let us go to the throne of favour in the eagerness of our faith so that we may get the kindness belonging to us
 and the showing of favour to us

217.

ang oiyuwoten⁸³ bita an auwe God ean ngune, ngaga
 1P.INC.DEP recognize+PERF NEIII+MED GPOS+3S.POS love God on+3S.POS E+PROX TEMP+MED
 totowen timorin bwe dogita me atta³⁹ bet ngatta⁵⁵, ang um
 give+PERF live+3S.POS for reason+1P.INC.POS & 1P.INC.IND also E+1P.INC.IND 1P.INC.DEP MOD
 totow timorita bwe dogin ngabuna idiedita 1John 3:16 1976
 give live+1P.INC.POS for reason+3S.POS E+ANIM.P+MED sibling+RED+1P.INC.POS
 we have already recognized God's love by this thing, since he has already given his life in our behalf, and also we, we ourselves
 ought to give our lives in behalf of our brothers

218.

ngagan ata³⁹ ngata⁵⁵ ang um rangeduwa engame ngabuna r ougan,
 therefore 1P.INC.IND E+1P.INC.IND 1P.INC.DEP MOD welcome AB+person E+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEP be.so+PERF
 bwe ang um eke katta eamen bubuog ngan iduwen 3John 1:8 1976
 for 1P.INC.DEP MOD act.as 1P.INC.OBJ male+CONS help+RED E+P+ AB+true
 therefore we ourselves ought to welcome men who are like that, so that we may become true assistants

219.

amebuna kamie a togit⁶⁴ auwe, tin ia ougan deidein an auwe
 male+ANIM.P+MED 2P.OBJ 1S.DEP end+CONS AB+love COND be.so+PERF manner+CONS GPOS+3S.POS love
 katta ngea God me atta³⁹ bet ang um t auwe katta ngatta⁵⁵ 1John 4:11
 1P.INC.OBJ E+MED God & 1P.IN.IND also 1P.INC.DEP MOD only love 1P.INC.OBJ E+1P.INC.IND
 you whom I most love! (dear beloved) if the manner of God's loving us has been the same, we also ought to love one another

220.

añ ij ko ñabeta ion bue añ üm rädöeow Ägypten Nuw 42:2
 1P.INC.DEP choose COMM old+1P.INC.POS INDF for 1P.INC.DEP MOD return+DIR Egypt
 let us choose a leader for us so that we may return to Egypt

221.

rida ko me opum ko ägen amea wam Gott, bue e nüm ömarren katta
 rise COMM & FAC+holy COMM name+3S.POS male+MED RPOS+2S.POS God for 3S.DEP MOD remember 1P.INC.OBJ
 me añ üm eö ima Nuw 68:2
 & 1P.INC.DEP MOD NEG die
 get up and sanctify the name of your God so that he may remember us and that we may not die

222.

earäen okor müñane bue añ üm okor ekäiduön ñana⁶¹ Jesus eij
 write+3S.GER INTENS NEII+PROX.P for 1P.INC.DEP MOD INTENS confide E+MED.P Jesus 3S.IND
 Ñain Gott me bue añ üm ögök itimor eow ian ägen
 child+CONS God & for 1P.INC.DEP MOD get AB+life DIR in+3S.POS name+3S.POS
 ñaga añ öreit ekäiduön NuwNT 81:5
 TEMP+MED 1P.INC.DEP PROG confide
 these are the real writings that we should truly believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that we may receive life through his name
 when we are believing in him

223.

adaga ang nim eredu Jehova? NB2.6
 why 1P.INC.DEP MOD honour Jehovah
 why should we honour Jehovah?

224.

iken imin ata³⁹ nim riring nim õeibibõki Gott? NB2.28
 what AB+thing 1P.INC.IND MOD do MOD FAC+happy+RED God
 what things we must do so that (we) please God? / what things must we do to please God?

8.3.12.1. Syncopated Form.

With the 1st person plural inclusive ‘ang üm’, there is a further contracted form, i.e.

ang üm > am/a’m

Examples:

225.

a’m nuwaw NG5
 1P.INC.DEP+MOD go
 we must go, let us go

226.

a’m tuwuin añawar NG168
 1P.INC.DEP+MOD go+CONS fish
 let us go fishing

227.

a'm detaro NG168

let us pray

228.

ñagan A kōñ a eñame amo, bwe re nim kōññōñ, me tetaro, me egegee...

therefore 1S.DEP ask to AB+person first for 3P.DEP MOD ask+RED & pray & beseech

bwe dōgūra ñabūn uea me temoniba ñabūn òkaganado: bwa am

for reason+3P.POS E+ANIM.P+ king & lord E+ANIM.P+ important for 1P.INC.DEP+MOD

ōmag ada ibūm in tsimor eat eō kamwaeae mi iow iat⁶⁴ auwā Gott

exhaust GPOS+1P.INC.POS AB+day CONS live on+3S.POS NEG cry.out and peace in+3S.POS AB+love God

me eat⁵⁰ deden ñea eimwi 1Thes 2:1,2

& on+3S.POS way+3S.POS E+MED right

therefore I ask men first that they should petition, pray, and beseech... because of the kings and notable lords: so that we may complete our days of life without crying out and in peace in God's love and a righteous way

229.

ñagan am eō miow in tūren a tron ñarana⁵⁷ ã quedei eb eow

therefore 1P.INCL.DEP+MOD NEG fear CONS near to throne E+CL30[3]+MED 3SDEP favour+APPL AB+land DIR

ean bwa am ògōg eauwātegen, ma am ògōg equed tsin iō⁹

on+3S.POS for 1P.INC.DEP+MOD get AB+kindness & 1P.INC.DEP+MOD get AB+favour COND

ōga²⁹ būriōūda Heb 4:16

3S.DEP+lack heart+1P.INC.POS

therefore let us not fear to come near to the throne the one that is showing favour to the earth by it, so that we may obtain kindness and we may get favour when our hearts are lacking

230.

am totow tsimorida bwe dōgit etsietsida 1John 3:16

1P.INC.DEP+MOD give live+1P.INC.POS for reason+3S.POS sibling+RED+1P.INC.POS

we should give our lives in behalf of our brothers

231.

amiā ñabūna ã auwā gamiā, tsin iō ũge an⁷⁶ Gott auwā gada,

2P.IND E+ANIM.P.MED 3S.DEP love 2P.OBJ COND be.so GPOS+3S.POS God love 1P.INC.OBJ

eimwi bet bwa am auwā gada 1John 4:11

right also for 1P.INC.DEP+MOD love 1P.INCL.OBJ

beloved (you, those ones whom are loved), if God's loving us is thus, it is also right that we should love one another/ beloved (you, those ones whom are loved), if God's loving us is thus, we also ought to love one another

232.

ñagan eimwi bwa amō buōk ñabūn tekei amebūne⁷², bwa am

therefore right for 1P.INC.DEP+MOD help E+ANIM.P+ like male+ANIM.P+PROX for 1P.INC.DEP+MOD

eke gada amen makur epo a ũra bwe dōgit iduwen 3John 1:8

make 1P.INC.OBJ male+CONS work together.with to 3P.IND for reason+3S.POS AB+true

therefore it is right that we should assist those who are like these ones, for we should become fellow-workers for the truth/ therefore we ought to assist those who are like these ones, for we should become fellow-workers for the truth

233.

ta Bibel opana gata eken am riring mo oeibiboki Gott NB

only Bible 3S.DEP+speaking to 1P.INC.OBJ what 1P.INC.DEP+MOD do & FAC+rejoice+RED God

only the Bible tells us what we should do to please God

234.

adikae bwe am eõ taramawireiy ijor? NB2.28

why for 1P.INC.DEP+MOD NEG worship+APPL AB+post
 why should we not worship idols?

8.3.12.2. Syncopated Form in Contemporary Nauruan.

There is an unexplained use of anaphora with the syncopated form ‘*am*’ in contemporary Nauruan texts. This construction appears to be optional.

Examples

235.

tsia ang teng òeibibõki Jehova, am nim kaiõt aen bett amea
 COND 1P.INC.DEP want FAC+joy Jehovah 1P.INC.DEP+MOD MOD hear word+CONS also male+MED
 ngea òkaganado NB2.16

E+MED 3S.DEP+important
 if we want to please God, we must also listen to/hear the words of that important man

236.

am nim tetaro dogin nim òrre Monibain Gott NB2.19

1P.INC.DEP+MOD MOD pray reason+3S.POS MOD come rule+CONS God
 we must pray for it (that) God's kingdom should come

237.

e tengeiy gata am nim dorer a atsin ian bũriõũda NB2.24

3S.DEP want+APPL 1P.INC.OBJ 1P.INC.DEP+MOD MOD talk to from+3S.POS in+3S.POS innards+1P.INC.POS
 he wants of us (that) we should talk to him from our hearts

238.

Jehova eõ tengeiy gata ia am nim torere NB2.28

Jehovah NEG want+APPL 1P.INC.OBJ COND 1P.INC.DEP+MOD MOD steal
 Jehovah does not want of us that we should steal

239.

eõ tengeiy bett gata ia am nim ababaro òa enim

NEG want+APPL also 1P.INC.OBJ COND 1P.INC.DEP+MOD MOD greed or 3S.DEP+MOD

ake a ion o ion⁷⁷ NB2.28

fight to INDF FV INDF
 he also does not want of us that we should be greedy or they should fight with each other

240.

am **nim** eõ taramawireiy iyor òa riring etsibe imin NB2.28

1P.INC.DEP+MOD MOD NEG worship+APPL AB+post or do AB+medium AB+thing
we must not worship idols or practice spiritism

241.

ia wo nim òeibibõki Gott, **am** **nim** kenen nim tsitobo a

COND 2S.DEP MOD FAC+joy+RED God 1P.INC.DEP+MOD MOD try MOD similar to

deden ngeiy NB2.29

manners+3S.POS E+3S.IND

if you should please God, we must try (so that we) should be similar to his ways

8.3.13. 1st Person Plural Exclusive Actor.

242.

wo oijädu bita ñaitar ñea Iguguija bue aman⁶⁶ 'um

2S.DEP bring.down NEIII+MED child+1D.INC.POS E+MED Iguguija for 1P.EXC.DEP+VNI MOD

ta keramen inne NG219

only play here

bring down our child Iguguija so that we may just play here

243.

ama ogiten gadauw baibait⁵⁰ tuwema bue ma um nuwaw

1P.EXC.DEP COMP prepare object+RED+CONS flesh+1P.EXC.POS for 1P.EXC.DEP MOD go

me i t'⁹äden me ama eõ nuwawen NG210

& only+ rain+PERF & 1P.EXC.DEP NEG go+PERF

we had prepared the things for our bodies so that we might go away but it then rained and we did not then go away

[Kayser's rendition: we had arranged everything to go away but it started raining and then we did not go]

244.

abueret⁸⁴ egä[t] ehä ama um oni? NG218

NP+CL6[32] how.many shingle 1P.EXC.DEP MOD bring

how many baskets of shingle must we bring?

245.

bwa amaimõ ririñ ekadarot⁵⁰ taramawir ea Jehova Ex 10:9

for 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD do AB+feast+CONS worship to Jehovah

for we must do a feast for worship to Jehovah

246.

bwa ama eõ tsiet ñea amaim tsiõ itūrin Jehova eow ean Ex 10:26

for 1P.EXC.DEL NEG know E+MED 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD serve by+3S.POS Jehovah DIR on+3S.POS

for we do not know the thing we must serve Jehovah by it/ with what we must serve Jehovah

247.

amañ⁶⁶ örren bwa amaimõ taramawirei Matt 2:2

1P.EXC.DEP+VNI come+PERF for 1P.EXC/DEP+MOD worship+APPL

we have now come so that we may/in order to worship him]

248.

ama ren bwe amaim adoreiy Matt 2:2 1976

1P.EXC+DEP come+PERF for 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD adore+APPL
 we have come so that we may/in order to adore him

249.

auwe²⁵ ñea wo nim òrre òa amaim kat⁵⁰ daiñ ion? Matt 11:3

1S.IND E+MED 2S.DEP MOD come or 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD again wait INDF
 are you the one who must come or should we wait again for another?

250.

awe²⁵ ngea enim re oa amaim kan daing tuk ion ekae? Matt 11:3 1976

2S.IND E+MED 3S.DEP+MOD come or 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD again wait yet INDF different
 are you the one who must come or should we yet wait again for a different one?

251.

iña ino wo ãeñ bwa amaimõ gadauw lamm in passah ean,
 where yonder 2S.DEP desire for 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD prepare lamb CONS Passover on+3S.POS
 bwe wo nim òn? Matt 26:17

for 2S.DEP MOD eat
 where do you want that we should prepare the Passover lamb so that you may eat it?

252.

inga ina wo teng bwe amaim gadauw ngana bwain am on
 where there 2S.DEP want for 1P.EXCL.DEP+MOD prepare E+MED.P object+CONS GPOS+2S.POS eat
 bita lamm in easter? Matt 26:17 1976

NEIII+MED lamb CONS easter
 where do you want that we should prepare the things to do with your eating the easter lamb?

253.

ekegen ngea amaim riring ngama⁵⁵? Lu 3:12b 1976

what E+MED 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD do E+1P.EXC.IND
 what must we do?

254.

ekõ ñea amaimõ ririñ bet ñama⁵⁵? Lu 3:14

what E+MED 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD do also E+1P.EXC.IND
 what should we also do?

255.

ama, ekegen amaim riring ngama⁵⁵? Lu3:14 1976

1P.EXC.IND what 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD do E+1P.EXC.IND
 what should we do?

256.

eo ewuina ia ama eatow ama oraiy aen God bwe amaim ranga
 NEG fitting COND 1P.EXC.DEP leave GPOS+1P.EXC.POS utter word+CONS God for 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD keep
 eteiber ngama⁵⁵ Ac 6:2 1976

table E+1P.EXC
 it is not fit that we should leave off our speaking the word of God so that we might/in order to serve tables

257.

bwa amaimō moniba bet epo a gamiā 1Co 4:8

for 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD rule also together with 2P.OBJ
that we also might reign with you

258.

bwe ama bet amaim moniba epoa kamie 1Co 4:8 1976

for 1P.EXC.IND also 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD rule together.with 2P.OBJ
that we also might reign with you

259.

ñea õbebe bñriõũma ian ama roe memak, bwa amaimō

E+MED FAC+light innards+1P.EXC.POS in+3S.POS GPOS+1P.EXC.POS heavy all for 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD

kona õbebeān bet bñriõũra ñabũna re mek iat eroe,

able FAC+light+3S.GER also innards+3P.POS E+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEP dwell in+3S.POS affliction

eow ean õbebeāt ibñriõ ñea ã õbebeõn bñriõũma

DIR on+3S.POS FAC+light+3S.GER AB+innards E+MED 3S.DEP FAC+light+COM innards+1P.EXC.POS

amo eow itũrin Gott 2Co 1:4

first DIR by+3S.POS

he who comforts us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in affliction, through the comfort that we ourselves are comforted first by God

260.

bwa amaim eõ tñebõn gama ma amaim tñebõn Gott ñea õrida

for 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD NEG trust 1P.EXC.OBJ & 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD confide God E+MED FAC+rise

ñabũn ema 2Co 1:9

E+ANIM.P+ 3S.DEP+die

that we should not trust in ourselves, but we should trust in God who raises the dead

261.

bwa amaimō õeibibõki ia ama mek itũrin 2Co 5:9

for 1PEXC.DEP+MOD FAC+glad+RED COND 1P.EXC.DEP dwell by+3S.POS

so that we should make him rejoice/please him when we are with him

262.

oa ama ùm mäg ian aām? Nuw18:3

or 1P.EXC.DEP MOD dwell in+3S.POS word+2S.POS

or we should abide in your word?

263.

õten, amaimō nuaw me erow brot ean arobu groschen

TAG 1P.EXC,DEP+MOD go & exchange bread on+3S.POS two.hundred groschen

mō¹² õijõijiõn ũra Mark 6:37

& feed+COM 3P.IND

ought we to go and buy loaves with two hundred groschen and feed them with it?

8.3.13.1. Syncopated Form.

With the 1st person plural ‘*amaim*’, there is a further contracted form, i.e.

amaim > *amam/ama’m*

Examples:

264.

ōten, amam kan ōaweijidan ama tsitan gama?

TAG 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD again start GPOS+1P.EXC.POS praise 1P.EXC.OBJ

ōa ōga būriōūma tekei ñabūna ibūn 2Co 3:1

or need innards+1P.EXC.POS like E+ANIM.P+MED some

should we again already begin our praising ourselves? or do we need like some of those ones...

265.

ōmeata a kō gama ūrōr, bwa amam idōg a ūrōr Ge 19:5

show to COMM 1P.EXC.OBJ 3D.IND for 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD relations to 3D.IND

show the two of them to us, so that we may have relations with them

266.

A kōñ gamiā, etsiedū, bwa amam eō dūra iat⁵⁰ deden

1S.DEP ask 2P.OBJ sibling+RED+1S.POS for 1P.EXC.DEP+MOD NEG sin in+3S.POS manner+3S.POS

ñune Ge 19:7

E+PROX

I ask of you, my brothers, that we may not sin in this way

8.3.14. 2nd Person Plural Actor.

267.

bita mogur a pan a kamie nenne ma’um [sic; mwa’um] rañañeij ririñān

NEIII+MED work 1S.DEP speak to 2P.OBJ yesterday 2P.DEP+MOD hurry+APPL do+3S.GER

bu’e num og NG204

for+3S.DEP MOD finish

that work I spoke to you of it yesterday, you must hurry up the doing of it so that it may be finished

[Kayser’s rendition: that work I told you about yesterday you must hurry up and have it finished]

268.

ma [sic; mwa] ‘üm eō kanakanina NG168

2PDEP MOD NEG misbehave

you must not misbehave/don’t misbehave!

269.

t'amie³⁹ ma [sic; mwa] üm auwä kamie NG:205

only+2PIND 2P.DEP MOD love 2POBJ
 you must love one another/you must love yourselves

270.

ma [sic; mwa] ramani ökör bwe ma [sic; mwa] üm tiet deidein NG207

2PDEP watch+APPL2 INTENS for 2PDEP MOD know manner+3SPOS
 watch him so that you know his ways

271.

eonih in än buna kamie⁴¹ ma [sic; mwa] nuwa ko me tsiba amie ebuer

AB+young CONS female ANIM.P+MED 2P.OBJ 2P.DEP go COMM & break GPOS+2P.POS AB+basket

ma [sic; mwa] karakaro äëen bue ma [sic; mwa] 'üm ekä erañä NG218

2P.DEP CAUS+two+RED break off for 2P.DEP MOD make AB+shingle

you girls! go and break off (leaves) [for] your baskets, you - two each its being plaited
 [Kayser's rendition: each of you plait two so that you may use them for carrying shingle]

272.

bwe mwaim tied ngana⁶¹ ita meg turin amea Ngait⁶⁴ angame

for 2P.DEP+MOD know E+MED.P only dwell by+3S.POS male+MED child+CONS AB+person

oaeout ead idura eow eat eb Mark 2:10 1976

strong+CONS loosen AB+sin DIR on+3S.POS land

for you must know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth

273.

yegen ngea oereri kamie, bwe mwaim gorenin wong

who E+MED instruct 2P.OBJ for 2P.DEP+MOD flee SUCC

bita edamadam ngea enim re Lu 3:7b 1976

NEIII+MED AB+anger E+MED 3S.DEP+MOD come

who instructs you, that you should flee from the wrath that must come?

274.

amie³⁰ bet mwaim dudu nanamie ngamie⁵⁵, ion⁷⁷ ea amea ion⁷⁷ John 13:14 1976

2P.IND also 2P.DEP+MOD wash foot+2P.POS E+2P.IND INDF to male+MED INDF

you also, you ought to wash your own feet, one another

275.

ogen bet ia A eare a gamiã añõget auwã ñea

finish+PERF also COND 1S.DEP write to 2P.OBJ word+CONS AB+love E+MED

an auwã edetsini⁵²: bwe ã wereri gamiã eow itürin Gott bwa

GPOS+3S.POS love sibling+RED+3S.POS+MUT for 3S.DEP instruct 2P.OBJ DIR by+3S.POS God for

amwaim auwã gamiã 1Thes 4:9

2P.DEP+MOD love 2P.OBJ even though I write to you about the love that is brotherly love: for you are being taught by God
 that you should love one another

276.

eo okorin, bwe amei y um eare ea kamie angogen amie auwe ngabuna

NEG necessary for 1T.EXCL.DEP MOD write to 2P.OBJ word+CONS GPOS+2P.POS love E+ANIM.P+MED

idiedimeiy dogin bwe amie³⁹ okor mwa omwatowen⁸² turin God,

sibling+RED+2T.POSS reason+3S.POS for 2P.IND INTENS 2P.DEP FAC+wise+DIR+PERF by+3S.POS God

bwe t amie mwaim auwe kamie 1Thess 4:9 1976

for only 2P.IND 2P.DEP+MOD love 2POBJ

it is not necessary that we three should write to you concerning your loving your three brothers because you really have been made wise by God that you should love one another

8.3.14.1. Syncopated Form.

With the 2nd person plural ‘*amwaim*’, there is a further contracted form, i.e.

amwaim > *amwam*

Examples:

277.

e nim tsi inimagen garben, ma amwam eõ ñañei Ru 2:15

3S.DEP MOD glean among+3S.POS *garben* [sheaves] & 2P.DEP+MOD NEG ridicule

she must glean among the sheaves and you must not ridicule her

Imperative: let her glean among the sheaves and do not ridicule her

278.

amwam koñõñ bwa amwam eõ gõrõ iõ⁹ õrre winter Matt 24:20

2P.DEP+MOD ask+RED for 2P.DEP+MOD NEG run COND come winter

You must make continual request that you should not flee when winter comes

Imperative: make continual request that you should not flee when winter comes

279.

tsin ia ri nan ùge a gamiã, kania, e mek eat etomagage; amwam ekam nuaw

COND 3P.DEP UNR say to 2P.OBJ look 3S.DEP dwell on+3S.POS AB+wilderness 2P.DEP+MOD NEG go

if they will say to you: look! he is in the wilderness – you must not go out

Imperative: if they will say to you: look! he is in the wilderness – do not go out!

Matt 24:26

280.

bwa amwam tsiet bwe etsimine⁶⁰ waion Ñait eñame

for 2P.DEP+MOD know for 3S.DEP+exist strong+CONS child+CONS AB+person

eat eb in etad idūra Mark 2:10

on+3S.POS land CONS 3S.DEP+only+loosen AB+sin

for you must know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins

281.

A eõ ãeñ gamiã, etsiedũ, bwa amwam eõ tsiet ñan eõ toki bũriõ

1S.DEP NEG wish 2P.OBJ sibling+RED+1S.POS for 2P.DEP+MOD NEG know E+P+ NEG end innards+1S.POS

bwa A nimõ naña gamiã Ro 1:13

for 1S.DEP MOD go+to 1P.OBJ

I do not wish for you, my brothers, that you should not know that my constant desire is that I should go to you

282.

A eõ ãeñ gamiã bwa amwam iki imin eõ nũñida ñune,

1S.DEP NEG wish 2P.OBJ for 2P.DEP+MOD not.know AB+thing NEG reveal E+PROX

bwi ta bwidũga ma amwa man ian amiã gatsitsi Ro 11:25

for only chance & 2P.DEP wise in+3S.POS GPOS+2P.POS arrogance

I do not wish that you should not know this hidden matter, just in case you are wise in your arrogance

283.

A koñ a gamiã, bwa amwam eke gamiã amen edegeriö 1Co 4:16

1S.DEP ask to 2P.OBJ for 2P.DEP+MOD make 2P.OBJ male+CONS follow+1S.OBJ

I request of you that you should become men following me

8.3.15. 3rd Person Plural Actor.

284.

re toŕeŕ iat ekom bue re num ekä buoganönaän ñabuna

3P.DEP talk in+3S.POS judge for 3P.DEP MOD act.as help+COM2+COM+to+3S.GER E+ANIM.P+MED

tañöra NG30

companion+3P.POS

they spoke in court so that they might act as the assistance with it to their friends

[Kayser's rendition: they deposed before the court as a means to help their friends]

285.

i ta paerir iat io muñana tirir bue re num t'eoñ me

only go.around in+3S.POS io-treeNEll+ANIM.P+MED tirir for 3P.DEP MOD only+cry &

r⁹ eab togi NG208

3P.DEP UNR.NEG end

those Reed Warblers just go around here and there in the Tamano tree in order to warble and they will not end

[Kayser's rendition: the *tirir* hop around in the *tamana* tree singing all the time]

286.

i ta ñabuna anarama m aikuön aya eobäni me itugain

only E+ANIM.P+MED twenty & one GPOS+3P.POS AB+year & above+3S.POS

ura nabuna re num io [sic; eö] ñanemui NG211

3P.IND E+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEP MOD NEG replete

only those ones twenty-one their years and above it, they are those ones who must fast

[Kayser's rendition: only those who are twenty-one and over must fast]

287.

inna aña²⁵ mäg me amäbuna tañö re num mäg inna bät NG213

here 1S.IND dwell & male+ANIM.P+MED companion+1S.POS 3P.DEP MOD dwell there also

here is (where) I dwell, my (male) friends they must dwell there also

[Keyser's rendition: where I am my friends also shall be]

288.

bue re num rañ a an mogur God me ead⁹a itimor jamen NG215

for 3P.DEP MOD keep to GPOS+3S.POS work God & reach+to AB+live future.time

so that they may observe the workings of God and attain to the life in the future

[Kayser's rendition: to observe the commandments of God and so reach happiness hereafter]

289.

mō¹² ö pan a kamele bwe re nim otoburöra⁸⁵ iruwit tekawa

& 3P.DEP speak to camels for 3P.DEP MOD bend.knees+3P.POS outside+3S.POS town

itañit eböken eren ñag emerö, ñea aūra dae in meta eoniñ in ãn

by+3.POS AB+well TEMP+ 3S.DEP+evening E+MED GPOS+3S.POS time CONS go.out AB+young CONS female

bwe re nim eiren Ge 24:11

for 3P.DEP MOD draw.up

and he spoke to the camels that they should kneel down outside the city by the well of water when evening, the which is the young women's time to come out so that they may draw water

290.

ngagan, memag mungana mwa teng bwe engame re nim riring a kamie,

therefore all NEII+E+MED.P 2P.DEP want for AB+person 3P.DEP MOD do to 2P.OBJ

mwa riring a ko ura bet Matt 7:12 1975

2P.DEP do to COMM 3P.OBJ also

therefore, all the things you want that men should so to you, do also to them!

291.

bwe re nim eõ ätõn mōra mō⁹ kaiōtōt ijũñōra me tsiñaiōn būriōūra,

for 3P.DEP MOD NEG see+COM eye+3P.POS &+3S.DEP hear+COM ear+3P.POS & understand+COM innards+3P.POS

mi tik iwidō, ma A nan õtsimor ũra Matt 13:15

& still turn.back & 1S.DEP UNR FAC+live 3P.IND

so that they should not see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts, and turn back, and I will heal them

292.

ro oberei iō¹² õ²⁹ katsimor bet eat⁷¹ sabbath;

3P.DEP guard COND 3S.DEP CAUS+live also on+3S.POS sabbath

bwe re nimõ ñaea dõgin Mark 3:2

for 3P.DEP MOD place guilt+3S.POS

they kept watch if he healed also on the sabbath, so that they might place his guilt

293.

ri ta kanakania ia obwiduga me okatimor eat⁷¹ sabath,

3P.DEP only look+RED+to COND chance & 3S.DEP+CAUS+live on+3S.POS sabbath

bwe re nim ngaea wong dogin Mark 3:2 1976

for 3P.DEP MOD place SUCC guilt+3S.POS

they watched him if it chance and he cure on the sabbath so that they might successfully place his guilt (declare him guilty)

294.

ro²⁹ dubwangeiy an karawin ian aura kearoiy bita re nim gona

3P.DEP share+APPL GPOS+3S.POS clothing in+3S.POS GPOS+3P.POS lot+APPL NEIII+MED 3P.DEP MOD able

ion o ion⁷⁷ Mark 15:24 1976

INDF FV INDF

they divided up his clothing by their lots what they ought to get each one

295.

ñabūna re eõ etaraba bwe re nimõ dũgidugo ian aūra ka ñabūn

E+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEP NEG only+obey for 3P.DEP MOD walk in+3S.POS GPOS+3P.POS wise E+ANIM.P+

omo; bwe e nimõ gadauw eñame ñabūn ogduwōra ea Temoniba Lu 1:17b

3S.DEP+good for 3S.DEP MOD prepare AB+person E+ANIM.P+ ready+3P.POS to lord

those ones who do not obey, so that they should walk in the wisdom of the righteous; so that he should prepare a ready people for the Lord

296.

ean quaojut ibūm, rō õrren bwe re nim etow oniñ ia Lu 1:59

on+3S.POS CAUS+eight+CONS AB+day 3P.DEP come+PERF for 3P.DEP MOD cut young MED

on the eighth day, they then came so that they should cut [circumcise] that child

297.

ngaga eangedan abumin⁵³ oiyu me metat imin bwe ro ren

TEMP+MED reach+PERF NP+CL5[11] eight & go.out+PERF AB+thing for 3P.DEP come+PERF

bwe re nim tetow bita eoning me ro emwin on egen amea etongin

for 3P.DEP MOD give NEIII+MED AB+young & 3P.DEP call COM name+CONS male+MED father+3S.POS

ngea Zacharias Lu 1:59 1976

E+MED Zechariah

when eight days then ended it happened (that) they then came so that they should cut [circumcise] that child and they called it with its father's name, Zachariah

298.

re nim ere iwim tekei bita ã patow ian wõn dogor Temoniba

3P.DEP MOD extend AB+offering like NEIII+MED 3S.DEP speak+DIR in+3S.POS RPOS+3S.POS law lord

they had to offer a sacrifice according to that which is written in the law of the Lord / they had to offer a sacrifice according to what is written in the law of the Lord

Lu 2:24

299.

oren³⁷ bet amen tollibun bwe re nim taufe Lu 3:12a 1976

come+PERF also male+CONS toll some for 3P.DEP MOD baptize

some taxmen also had already come so that they should be baptized

300.

edogor eiyyen⁷⁵ ngabuna won engel bwe dogum,

AB+law INDF+CL11[7] E+ANIM.P+MED RPOS+3S.POS angel for reason+2S.POS

bwe ngabuna re nim rangeduwaw Lu 4:10 1976

for E+ANIM.P.+MED 3P.DEP MOD look.after+2S.OBJ

a command (to) those angels of his on your account that those ones should keep watch over you

301.

re edaw ina inukareren animwen bita etowedudu ngea eoeiy

3P.DEP up+DIR9 there LOC+brow+CONS atop+CONS NEIII+MED AB+hill E+MED 3S.DEP+build

eow ean bita wongara dagawa bwe re nim oraiyedun ina Lu 4:29 1976

DIR on+3S.POS NEIII+MED RPOS+3P.POS town for 3P.DEP MOD throw.down+DIR8 there

they brought him up there its very brow atop the mountain on which they built their city so that they should throw him down from there

302.

ngaga ngabuna engame ebwak ro wangada bwe re nim kakaiyot

TEMP+MED E+ANIM.P+MED AB+person numerous 3P.DEP press.in for 3P.DEP MOD hear+RED

angogen mineiyina aen God Lu 5:1 1976

word+CONS NEI+CL11[7]+MED word+CONS God

when those numerous people [that crowd] were pressing in on him so that they should listen about that word of God

303.

ro²⁹ abwabwe ngabuna ranora nabuna re meg ian miona⁷⁹

3P.DEP gesture+RED E+ANIM.P+MED branch+3P.POS E+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEP dwell in+3S.POS NEI+CL12[5]+MED

eon⁷⁹ bwe re nim tu me buog ura Lu 5:7 1976

INDF+CL12[5] for 3P.DEP MOD come & assist 3P.IND

they gestured to those companions of theirs, those one who were in the other vessel so that they should come and help them

304.

epwepwot engame ebwak bwe re nim kaiyot aen

gather.together+PERF AB+person numerous for 3P.DEP MOD hear word+CONS

me ei³⁹ enim otimor ura atin ian mungana aragura Lu 5:15 1976

& 3S.IND 3S.DEP+MOD FAC+live 3P.IND from+3S.POS in+3S.POS NEII+MED.P sick+3P.POS

many people [a crowd] were already gathered so that they should hear his word and he should cure them from their sicknesses

305.

amen edar me Pharisäer rō²⁹ kanakania bwe re nim aia iō¹² ò katsimor

male+CONS write & Pharisees 3P.DEP look+RED for 3P.DEP MOD see COND 3S.DEP CAUS+live

eat sabbath bwe re nim ò ñaea dögin Lu 6:7

on+3S.POS sabbath for 3P.DEP MOD place guilt+3S.POS

the scribes and Pharisees observed him if it chance and he heal on the sabbath so that they might place his guilt

306.

amebuna amen tar me pharisea ro kanakania ia bwiduga me ogatimor

male+ANIM.P+MED man+CONS write & Pharisee 3P.DEP look+RED COND chance & 3S.DEP+CAUS+live

eat sabbath bwe re nim gona imiton⁸⁶ re eke ngangaet dogin Lu 6:7 1976

on+3S.POS sabbath for 3P.DEP MOD able thing+INDF 3P.DEP use place+RED+3S.GER guilt+3S.POS

those scribes and pharisees observed him if it chance and he healed on the sabbath so that they might get something they use the placing of his guilt

307.

tsin ia wo tata barũõm ian met amen ekõm, wo nim ooiouw

COND 2S.DEP lift.up enemy+2S.POS in+3S.POS eye+3S.POS male+CONS judge 2S.DEP MOD FAC+strong+2S.OBJ

ian medena, bwe wo nim õtimoruw atsin itũrin; bwe e nim eõ ururew

in+3S.POS way for 2S.DEP MOD FAC+live+2S.OBJ from+3S.POS by+3S.POS for 3S.DEP MOD NEG drag+3S.OBJ

ea amen ekõm, ma amen ekõm enim eõ totow auwe³⁹ ea ekaiwedu,

to male+CONS judge & male+CONS judge 3S.DEP+MOD NEG bring 2S.IND to AB+officer

me ekaiwedu enim õraiведу auwe³⁹ iat ewak in quõquõr Lu 12:58

& AB+officer 3S.DEP+MOD cast.down 2S.IND in+3S.POS AB+house CONS bind+RED

when you lift up your adversary before the magistrate you must steel yourself on the way so that you should save yourself from him; for he must not drag you to the magistrate, and the magistrate must not give you over to the officer, and the officer should cast you into prison

308.

me ñag õrre bũmin, õ õijõten⁵⁸ an tsiõ ion ea amebũn amen kiãõ

& TEMP+ come day+CONS --- send+PERF GPOS+3S.POS servant INDF to male+ANIM.P+MED male+CONS cultivate

bwe re nim oija quan mũmwarina⁷⁸ eñan vitis Lu 20:10

for 3P.DEP MOD give.to fruit+CONS NEII+CL23[22]+MED place+CONS vine

and when the day for it came, he then sent out a servant of his to those cultivators so that they might give him fruitage of that vineyard

309.

me ngaga oret⁵⁰ dae in me oiyon angen⁶⁶ ngabuna eamen gadauw wein

& TEMP+MED come+PERF time CONS & send to+VNI+PERF E+ANIM.P+MED male+CONS prepare wine

an tiyo ion bwe mibuna re nim oiya amea ukwan ngabena⁴⁹

GPOS+3S.POS servant INDF for NEII+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEP MOD give.to male+MED fruit+CONS E+CL10[15]+MED

eben⁴⁹ weit inon Lu 20:10 1976

land+CONS wine some

and when the time for it was come, he then sent to those preparers of wine a servant of his so that those ones might give that man some fruitage of that vineyard

310.

bwe tamo ngea etied ina meg, me enim tata ituga

for any E+MED 3S.DEP+know there dwell & 3S.DEP+MOD lift.up above

bwe re nim gona ibwa John 11:57[56] 1976

for 3P.DEP MOD able seize

for any man who knew where he was, he must bring it up (to their attention) so that they might be able to seize him

311.

atebin memag ngabuna ononungin in Israel re nim tied

number+CONS all E+ANIM.P+MED young+RED+CONS [SIC] Israel 3P.DEP MOD know

me eo mwarar ngana God ekeen Demoniba me Christus

& NEG doubt E+MED.P God make+PERF lord & Christ

amea kor Jesus ngea mwa kaibereiy Ac 2:36 1976

male+MED INTENS Jesus E+MED 2P.DEP cross+APPL

the full number of the children of Israel must know and not doubt that God has made Jesus Lord and Christ whom you put on the cross

312.

ngaga re eo eed bita imin re nim oeagida gaiuror eow ean

TEMP+MED 3P.DEP NEG find NEIII+MED AB+thing 3P.DEP MOD place woe+3D.POS DIR on+3S.POS

dogit engame ange Ac 3:21 1976

reason+CONS person on.ground

since they did not find the thing they should place woes on them both because of the common people

313.

ar[sic] rodun iat eb me ekeijien ura engame dogin

3P.DEP go.down+DIR8 on+3S.POS land & make+3S.IND+PERF 3P.IND AB+person reason+3S.POS

ar[sic] nim mereiy ãn in iat eb NB2.12

3P.DEP MOD marry+APPL female CONS in+3S.POS land

they came down to earth and then became human for the reason they may marry earthly women

314.

Gott inan tik òrida ura bwe ar[sic] nim konan tsimor eko token NB2.14

God UNR still FAC+rise 3P.IND for 3P.DEP MOD able+CONS live be.not end+3S.POS

God will resurrect them so that they may get never ending life

8.4. Conjunction Introducing a Dependent Clause

There is some variation in the conjunction employed to introduce dependent clauses, but generally ‘*bwe*’ is used with Positive Clauses and ‘*ia*’ (the Conditional Marker) is used with Negative and Question Clauses.

9. Positive Clause followed by Negative Dependent Clause incorporating Modal Aspect Marker.

When the main clause is followed by a negative dependent clause based on the Modal Aspect Marker, ‘*bwe nim eo*’ is the usual construction.

Examples:

315.

bwe ñag etsimor Jehova, ñea Gott in Israel, ñea õgõgõ bwa A nim eõ
 for TEMP+ 3S.DEP+exist Jehovah E+MED God CONS Israel E+MED hold+1S.OBJ for 1S.DEP MOD NEG
 õeõgida gaim, ñago ia wo eõ kapapar in õrre me ekowõñ ame,
 place.on woe+2S.POS TEMP+DIST COND 2S.DEP NEG CAUS+haste+RED CONS come & meet to+1S.DAT
 mi nan eko wõñ oniñ in eman Nabal ia aiquen iõ⁹ õreñõ
 & UNR be.not RPOS+3S.POS young CONS male Nabal COND one COND remain
 ea an eorata 1Sa 25:34

to 3S.POS dawn

for as Jehovah the God of Israel lives, the one who held me (back) so that I should not place down your woes (bring you troubles), had you not hurried to come and meet me, there would not have been even one young man of Nabal's if/that remained until the dawn

316.

ngaga emetimetieiy eow iat erenimi ura bwe re nim eo tuk redo a
 TEMP+MED 3S.DEP+warn+RED+APPL DIR in+3S.POS AB+dream 3P.IND for 3P.DEP MOD NEG still return to
 amea Herodes Matt 2:12 1976

male+MED Herod

when he had warned them in a dream that they should not return to Herod

317.

aga kō ñauwe⁵⁵ ian see mō¹²ōraijedu eōe ion, me barū iū ñea wo reōn
 go COMM E+2S.IND in+3S.POS sea & cast+DIR2 AB+hook INDF & bring fish E+MED 2S.DEP catch+COM
 amo; mi ia wo ba ñanaquan, wo nan āt geld ion: ōbū kō mo oija ūra bwe
 first & COND 2S.DEP open mouth+3S.POS 2S.DEP UNR find coin INDF bring COMM & give+to 3P.IND for
 dogū ma auwe³⁹, bwa am eō tsiriwai ūra Matt 17:27
 reason+1S.POS & 2S.IND for 1P.EXC+DEP+MOD NEG stumble+APPL 3P.IND
 you, go out to sea, and cast a hook, and bring the fish that first comes up; and when you open its mouth, thou will find a coin:
 take it and give it to them for me and you so that we do not stumble them

318.

mwa ta detaro ko, bwe nim eo meta mungana eat edae
 2P.DEP only pray COMM for MOD NEG go.out NEII+MED.P on+3S.POS AB+time
 in mwamwe Mark 13:18 1976
 CONS cold
 pray that is should not happen (in) those times of the cold [wintertime]

319.

me dogereiy amea bwe nim eo pwana engame ia aikwen nuwawin Lu 5:14a 1976
 & forbid+APPL male+MED for MOD NEG speak+to AB+person COND one concerning+3S.POS
 and he ordered him that he should not speak to even one person concerning it

320.

ngabuna re egegee bwe nim eo dogereiy ura, bwe re nim otubweduw
 E+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEP plead for MOD NEG forbid+APPL 3P.IND for 3P.DEP MOD fall.headlong+DIR9
 ian bita iyub okaberuru Lu 8:31 1976
 in+3S.POS NEIII+MED AB+pit 3S.DEP+deep+SUP
 those ones pleaded with him that he should not command them that they should fall headlong into the very deep pit

321.

ñaga āitune ñea ema agen eō toki n edokoñoiō, A nim
 TEMP+MED female+PROX E+MED 3S.DEP+die spouse+3S.POS NEG end CONS trouble+APPL+1S.OBJ 1S.DEP MOD
 ōtsimor, bwa A nim eō ōijōn an ōrre Lu 18:5
 FAC+live for 1S.DEP MOD NEG send GPOS+3SPOS come
 since this woman whose husband is dead [this widow] continually troubles me, I must save her, so that I should not send away
 her coming

322.

an teng amea ngea oiyo ngea Etongu, bwe a nim eo eatow
 GPOS+3S.POS want male+MED E+MED send+1S.OBJ E+MED father+1S.POS for 1S.DEP MOD NEG leave
 imiton⁸⁶ ngea eiy³⁹ oiame, bwe nim ta orida ean ngabumina⁵³
 AB+thing+INDF E+MED 3S.IND give+to+1S.DAT for MOD only FAC+rise on+3S.POS E+CL5[11]+MED
 magit ibum John 6:39 1976
 exhaust+CONS AB+day
 this is the will of him who sent me, that I should not lose anything that he gave to me so that they should be made to rise on
 the last day

323.

ogabwararien³⁸ meora me oenowewien marora, bwe re nim eo eedon

make.dim+PERF eye+3P.POS & harden+PERF mind+3P.POS for 3P.DEP MOD NEG see+COM

mungana meora irungin me eo tied on mungana marora iat imin,

NEII+MED.P eye+3P.POS clearly & NEG know COM NEII+MED.P mind+3P.POS in+3S.POS AB+thing

me ngam re iwid burioura me eotimor wong ura John 12:40 1976

& lest 3P.POS turn innards+3P.POS & 3S.DEP+FAC+live SUCC 3P.IND

he has made dim their eyes and made hard their minds so that they should not see with their eyes clearly and not understand with their minds in things and lest they turn their hearts back and they be healed

324.

me dogereiyien ura bwe re nim eo erowiow Jerusalem,

& command+APPL+PERF 3P.IND for 3P.DEP MOD NEG leave Jerusalem

bwe re nim ta dadaing owongonen aen amea Etongin Ac 1:4 1976

for 3P.DEP MOD only wait+RED fulfil+3S.GER word+CONS male+MED father+3S.POS

and then commanded them that they should not leave Jerusalem but they should await the fulfilment of the words of his Father

325.

re emwin amerumena⁶⁵ me re dogereiy uror bwe re nim

3P.DEP call male+two+ANIM+MED & 3P.DEP command+APPL 3D.IND for 3P.DEP MOD

eo betibet gauweiy auror torer me auror kereri eow ian eg ia Ac 4:18 1976

NEG at.all repeat GPOS+3D.POS talk & GPOS+3D.POS CAUS+instruct DIR in+3S.POS name MED

they called those two men and they commaned them both that they should absolutely not repeat their speaking and their teaching in that name

326.

re dogereiy ura bwe re nim eo bedibet egauweiy etorer eow ian egen

3P.DEP comand+APPL 3P.IND for 3P.DEP MOD NEG at.all repeat AB+talk DIR in+3S.POS name+CONS

Jesus me ro oiyon ura Ac 5:40 1976

Jesus & 3P.DEP send 3P.DEP

they commanded them that they should absolutely not repeat the speaking in the name of Jesus and they sent them away

327.

ō⁷⁰ ōeōātirōñin mōra, mō¹² ōōaio būriōūra; bwe re nim eō ātōn mōra,

--- FAC+NEG+see+clearly eye+3P.POS & FAC+strong innards+3P.POS for 3P.DEP MOD NEG see+COM eye+3P.POS

me re nim eō tsietōn būriōūra, me re nim eō iwid būriōūra

& 3P.DEP MOD NEG know+COM innards & 3P.DEP MOD NEG turn innards+3P.POS

ma A nan eō ōtsimor ūra John 12:40

& 1S.DEP UNR NEG FAC+live 3P.IND

he blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; so that they should not see with their eyes, and they should not understand with their heart, and they should not turn their hearts back [repent] and I will not heal them

328.

aura warowar bwe nim eo timine morin amune Ac 25:24 1976

GPOS+3P.POS uproar for MOD NEG exist life+CONS male+PROX

their uproared that this man should not have his life

329.

amwaim kanakania waiomiã ñune bwe enim eõ ekei

2P.DEP+MOD look+RED strong+2P.POS E+PROX for 3S.DEP+MOD NEG make+3S.IND

imin in katsiriwa ea ñabũna re jũrũñ 1Co 8:9

AB+thing CONS CAUS+stumble to E+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEP weak

beware of this authority of yours that it should not become a stumblingblock to those ones who are weak

330.

bita tekawa eõ ãeñ equan ãa maraman bwe enimõ ãeaõ Re 21:23

NEIII+MED city NEG wish AB+sun or moon+3S.POS for 3S.DEP+MOD FAC+light

the city does not want/need the son or the moon that it should make light/illuminate

10. Negative Clauses with the Modal Aspect Marker.

When the actor is 2nd Person, the negative clause can also be understood as the equivalent of an English negative command (Imperative mood)

With other actors, the negative clause can also be understood as the equivalent of an English negative Permissive/Hortative clause.

Examples:

331.

wo n̄m eö totow bitune waña NG168

2S.DEP MOD NEG give NEIII+PROX RPOS+1S.POS

you must not give away this thing of mine

Imperative: don't give away this thing of mine

332.

ma n̄m [sic; mwa 'um] eö keramen iat oag it⁵⁰ detaro NG168

2P.DEP MOD NEG play in+3S.POS AB+house CONS pray

you must not play around/make fun in the church

Imperative: do not play around/make fun in the church

333.

amea ñea eö teñ emogur, e num eö ieij bāt NG211

male+MED E+MED NEG want work 3S.DEP MOD NEG eat also

the one who does not want to work, he ought not to eat also

Permissive/Hortative: the one who does not want to work, let him also not eat

[Kayser's rendition: he that does not wish to work shall not eat]

334.

wo nim eö õmamado amen makur ñea ã õmarũmwi ñea

2S.DEP MOD NEG oppress male+CONS work E+MED 3S.DEP FAC+reward E+MED

eko emit duwen ñea emañada Deu 24:14

be.not rich+CONS flesh+3S.POS E+MED 3S.DEP+needy

you ought not to oppress the worker who is hired who is poor who is to be pitied

Imperative: do not oppress the worker who is hired who is poor who is to be pitied

335.

ã nim eö meijiõn ũra eö toki ñabũn õga bũriõũra Ps 9:18

3S.DEP MOD NEG remember 3P.IND NEG end E+ANIM.P+ lack innards+3P.POS

one must not forget them ever those ones in need

Permissive/Hortative: let those ones in need not be ever forgotten

336.

re nim eõ nuaw Matt 14:16

3P.DEP MOD NEG go

they ought not go away/they need not go away

Permissive/Hortative: let them not go away

11. Negative Clause followed by Dependent Clause incorporating Modal Aspect Marker.

When the main clause of a sentence is negative and the dependent clause incorporates the Modal Aspect Marker, the Dependent Clause is usually introduced by the conjunction 'ia (iõ, ie, io, iö)' (the Conditional Marker).

Examples:

337.

bwe Jehova Gott eitsiõk pan ie¹² enim et weron eat eb Ge 2:5

for — Jehovah — God — PREI — speak COND 3S.DEP+MOD rain cloud — on+3S.POS land

for Jehovah God had not yet commanded that it should rain on the earth

338.

eñabet etõñida, me eko betibet eman eat eb ie¹² enimõ

3S.DEP+old+PERF father+1P.INC.POS & be.not at.all AB+male on+3S.POS land COND 3S.DEP+MOD

ririñ gadar tekei deden amen eat eb memak Ge 19:31

do 1P.INC.OBJ like manner+CONS male+CONS on+3S.POS land all

our father is already old, and there is no one at all on earth that should treat us according to the ways of men of earth

339.

wo eõ pan ame bet, ia¹² A nim õijõnuw iat idõdõ mi iriañ, me pauken

2S.DEP NEG speak to+1S.DAT also COND 1S.DEP MOD send+2S.OBJ in+3S.POS AB+laugh & AB+sing & drum+3S.POS

me harfen Ge 31:27

& harps

you did not say to me that I should send you with laughter and song, and drum and harp

340.

A **eõ** òrean aw imin gōgōrō ñea ã ijababa eow itūrit imin gōgōrō
 1S.DEP NEG bring to+2S.OBJ AB+thing run+RED E+MED 3S.DEP break.up DIR by+3S.POS AB+thing run+RED
 ñan etiritir **ia** wo **nim** òn Ge 31:39
 E+P+ 3S.DEP+vicious COND 2S.DEP MOD eat
 I did not bring you an animal that was torn by wild animals if/that you should eat it

341.

me **eõ** deri **ia** ã **nimõ** ririñ bita Ge 34:7
 & NEG fitting COND 3S.DEP MOD do NEIII+MED
 and it is not fitting that one should do that /and it is not fitting to do that

342.

bwin e⁷⁰ ãt bwo ouwaken Sela ma amea **eõ** oija **ie**¹² **enim** eke agen
 for+there --- see for big+PERF Selah & male+MED NEG give+to COND 3S.DEP+MOD make spouse+3S.POS
 for she saw that Selah was now big and he did not give her so that she should become his wife
 Ge 38:14

343.

omo oa **iõk ia**¹² A **nim** òni aw ãnimwen òkimama iot⁶⁴ atsin
 3S.DEP+good or no COND 1S.DEP MOD bring to+2S.OBJ female+CONS suckle INDF from+3S.POS
 inimaget ãnimwen Ebrãer, bwe e **nim** òkimama ea aw **oniñ** une? Ex 2:7
 among+3S.POS female+CONS Hebrews for 3S.DEP MOD suckle to 2S.OBJ young PROX
 is it good or not that I should fetch for you a woman giving suckle from among the women of the Hebrews, so that she might
 suckle this child for you

344.

bwe emagen òarar atsin ian adar bwer, me **ekeowen**
 for exhaust+PERF foodstuff+1D.INC.POS from+3S.POS in+3S.POS GPOS+1D.INC.POS basket & be.not+DIR+PERF
 adar adu **ia**¹² arūm oija amea an ñame Gott: iña
 GPOS+1D.INC.POS gift COND 1D.INC.DEP+MOD give+to male+MED GPOS+3S.POS person God what
 imin ituridar? 1Sa 9:7
 AB+thing by+1D.INC.POS
 for our foodstuffs are now exhausted from our baskets and there is no longer our gift that we may give to the man of God;
 what do we have?

345.

A **eõ** kona erouw **ia**¹² A **nim** eke ũbwiõ, bwa ñam A ijababa ũbwiõ
 1S.DEP NEG able AB+exchange COND 1S.DEP MOD make home+1S.POS for lest 1S.DEP break.up home+1S.POS
 ñaben⁴⁹ ũbwiõ kōr Ruth 4:6
 E+CL10[15]+ home+1S.POS INTENS
 I am unable to purchase it so that I should make it my inheritance lest I break up my inheritance, which is my own inheritance

346.

wo **nim** erowi amen kabaāt bwe **eko** imin **ia** wo **nim** kereri atsin
 2S.DEP MOD leave male+CONS unskilled for be.not AB+thing CONS 2S.DEP MOD CAUS+instruct from+3S.POS
 itūrin Pr 14:7
 by+3S.POS
 leave the stupid for there is nothing that you should learn from him

347.

d'eo²⁵ ngabuna eo dogedog tuwen **ia** **enim** timine⁶⁰ amen kogomwe
 only+NEG E+ANIM.P+MED NEG healthy flesh+3S.POS COND 3S.DEP+MOD exist male+CONS medicine
ean, bwe ngabuna arag tuwen Matt 9:12 1976
 on+3S.POS for E+ANIM.P+MED sick flesh+3S.POS
 it is not those ones whose body is healthy that should have physicians by it, but those ones (with) sick bodies

348.

inan **eko** engame **ia** **enim** kaiyot iow **ian** mungana medenat⁵⁰ dagawa
 UNR be.not AB+person COND 3S.DEP+MOD heat DIR in+3S.POS NEII+MED.P way+CONS town
aen Matt 12:19 1976
 word+3S.POS
 there will be no one that should hear his voice in the roadways of the cities

349.

ngea emeg eat **eben** kiyeo, **enim** **eo** redo eow ubwien **ia** **enim**
 E+MED 3S.DEP+dwel on+3S.POS land+CONS cultivate 3S.DEP+MOD NEG return DIR home+3S.POS COND 3S.DEP+MOD
oni gawiden **an** karawin Matt 24:17 1976
 bring garment+3S.POS GPOS+3S.POS clothing
 the one who is in the field, let him not return home that he should fetch his garment of his clothing

350.

bita emegeda eat demarumu...t'**eo**²⁵ wonga **ngea** **ia** **anim**
 NEIII+MED AB+sit.down on+3S.POS right+1S.POS only+NEG RPOS+1S.POS E+MED COND 1S.DEP+MOD
oiya kamuror Mark 10:40 1976
 give+to 3D.+OBJ
 the sitting on my right hand...it is not mine that matter that I should give it to the two of you

351.

inan re ion **ngea** oaeo eame, **ngea** **eo** ewuina deideiu **ia** **anim**
 UNR come INDF E+MED strong to+1S.DAT E+MED NEG fitting manner+1S.POS COND 1S.DEP+MOD
eaead ngabweta⁶⁷ kwaren won shoe Lu 3:16 1976
 loosen+RED E+CL7[18/19]+MED bind+3S.GER RPOS+3S.POS shoe
 one who is mightier than I will come, the one who it is not fitting my ways that I should loosen the laces of his shoe

352.

eko prophet **ia** **enim** eeng eow **ian** ngabena⁵³ **eben** ubwien Lu 4:24 1976
 be.not prophet COND 3S.DEP+MOD wish DIR in+3S.POS E+CL10[15]+MED land+CONS home+3S.POS
 there is no prophet that is desired in his home country

353.

enim **odon** amo mungana me **eab** tuk ngaga **ie** **nim**
 3S.DEP+MOD pass+COM first NEII+MED.P & UNR.NEG yet TEMP+MED COND MOD
togit imin Lu 21:9 1976
 end+CONS AB+thing
 those things must pass by first but it will not be immediately at that time that it should be the end of things / those things must pass by first but it will not be immediately at that time for it to be the end of things

354.e⁷⁰ **eõ** ãñ ion **ie**¹² **enim** òmeata eõrit eñame bwe e tsiet ñea

--- NEG wish INDF COND 3S.DEP+MOD bring.out sort+CONS AB+person for 3S.DEP know E+MED

emek iat eñame John 2:25

3S.DEP+dwel in+3S.POS AB+person

he did not need (any)one that he should reveal the sort of a man for he knew what was in a man

355.

bwe a rodun ian oeron, t'eo²⁵ **ia a nim riring aeo teng nanga**⁵⁵,

for 1S.DEP go.down+DIR8 in+3S.POS cloud only+NEG COND 1S.DEP MOD do GPOS+1S.POS want E+1S.IND

bwe an teng amea ngea oiyo John 6:38

for GPOS+3S.POS want male+MED E+MED send+1S.OBJ

for I have come down from heaven, it is not that I should do my own will, but the will of the one who sent me / for I have come down from heaven, inot to do my own will, but the will of the one who sent me

356.

wo eõ ãñ ñame ion **ie**¹² **enim** kidõeiuw John 16:30

2S.DEP NEG wish person INDF COND 3S.DEP+MOD CAUS+ask+2S.OBJ

you do not need a man that he should question you / you do not need a man to question you

357.

ekeowen⁵⁹ **woun aw ia engame ion enim** kidikidoeiy uw John 16:30 1976

be.not+DIR+PERF value+3S.POS to+2S.OBJ COND AB+person INDF 3S.DEP+MOD CAUS+ask+RED 2S.OBJ

there is no value for you that a man should interrogate you / there is no value for you for a man to interrogate you / there is no value for you if a man should interrogate you

358.

amwaim kamararei ma aia io¹² **omo eken**⁴⁴ **ian men Gott erabanemiã**

2P.DEP+MOD think+APPL & see COND 3S.DEP+good INDF+CL20[21] in+3S.POS eye+3S.POS God obey+2P.GER

ea erabanen Gott: bwa amar eõ kona ia¹² **amarũm eõ pan mũñan amar**

to obey+3S.GER God for 1D.EXC.DEP NEG able COND 1D.EXC.DEP+MOD NEG speak NEII+P+ 1D.EXC.DEP

ogiten ãt mõ kaiõt Ac 4:19-20

COMP see & hear

you must give thought to it and discern if it is better in the sight of God the being obedient to you than the being obedient to God: for both of us do not hold that we should not speak of the things that we have seen and heard

359.

inan re iruwu amea ngea eo ewuina deideiu ia a nim eadidan

UNR come after+1S.OBJ male+MED E+MED NEG fitting manner+1S.POS COND 1S.DEP MOD loosen+DIR10

ean nanan mururaoa⁵⁴ **won tud Ac 13:25**

on+3S.POS feet+3S.POS NEII+two+CL30[3]+MED RPOS+3S.POS show

there will come after me, that one whom it is not fitting to my ways that I should loosen from his feet his two shoes

360.

tin ia a riring imiton⁸⁶ **ewuina ia**¹² **a ma eow ean, me a eab**

COND 1S.DEP do AB+thing+INDF fitting COND 1S.DEP die DIR on+3S.POS & 1S.DEP NEG+UNR

keo ia¹² **a nim ima Ac 25:11**

resist COND 1S.DEP MOD die

if I have done anything it is fitting if I die by it, I will not resist that I should die

361.

rõ ùge bwe eõ deri ie¹² **e nim tsimor iruwin ñage Ac 25:24**

3P.DEP say for NEG fitting COND 3S.DEP MOD live after+3S.POS TEMP+PROX

they said that it was not fitting that he should live after this time / they said that it was not fitting if he should live after this time

362.

Christus **eo** oiyon o **ia**¹² a **nim** tuwin taufe, bwe a **nim** ta
 Christ NEG send 1S.OBJ COND 1S.DEP MOD go.to+CONS baptize for 1S.DEP MOD only

pwopwan angoget evangelium 1Co 1:17

speak+RED word+CONS evangel

Christ did not send me that I should go to baptize, but I should just declare about the evangel / Christ did not send me to go to baptize, but I should just declare about the evangel

363.

A **eo** eare angogen mungane **ia**¹² a **nim** eke kameneangeiyen kamie 1Co 4:14

1S.DEP NEG write word+CONS NEII+PROX.P COND 1S.DEP MOD make CAUS+shame+APPL+3S.GER 2P.OBJ

I do not write about these things that I should make a cause of shaming you / I do not write about these things to make a cause of shaming you

364.

teo²⁵ imin okongiy o **ia**¹² a **nim** kan eara a kamie angogen tuk

only+NEG AB+thing 3S.DEP+ask+APPL 1S.OBJ COND 1S.DEP MOD again write to 2P.OBJ word+CONS still

mungana, me imiten akorin **ea** kamie Phill 3:1 1976

NEII+MED.P & thing+PERF necessary+CONS to 2P.OBJ

it is not a nuisance to me if/that I should again write to you about those other things, and they are now necessary things for you

365.

eo gona **ia** **nim** t **ei**y³⁹ ererion ngeiy⁵⁵ 2Ti 2:13 1976

NEG able COND MOD only 3S.IND deny E+3S.IND

is not possible that she should deny himself / he cannot deny himself

366.

ngea **eo** akoritow⁸² turin **ia** **enim** erere iwim eat ibum eaeow eaeow

E+MED NEG necessary+CONS+DIR by+3S.POS COND 3S.DEP+MOD extend+RED AB+sacrifice on+3S.POS AB+day endless

the one who it was not necessary by him that he should offer sacrifices every day

He 7:27 1976

367.

inan **eab** timine aeo **dae** **ia** **nim** pwan nuwawin **amea** Gideon,

UNR UNR.NEG exist GPOS+1S.POS time COND MOD speak concerning+CONS male+MED Gideon

me **amea** Barak He 11:32 1976

& male+MED Barak

I will not have my time that I should speak concerning Gideon and Barak

11.1. Dispreferred Form ‘eo...bwe nim’

The dispreferred form is ‘eo...bwe nim’.

Examples:

368.

de²⁵ **deden** **bwe enim** **õraq an** **kamararei eñame** Job 34:23

only+NEG manner+3S.POS for 3S.DEP+MOD FAC+long GPOS+3S.POS think+APPL AB+person
it is not his way that he should lengthen his thoughts for men/he does not need to consider man

369.

eo ren **amea Ngait**⁶⁴ **angame bwe nim** **ogaturae annit**⁶⁴ **angame**

NEG come+PERF male+MED child+CONS person for MOD FAC+harm spirit+CONS person

bwe otimor Lu 9:1976

for FAC+live

the Son of Man has not come so that he should harm the souls of men, but (in order) to save

370.

ngea inan meg animwet eoag ean stunde ia me meg anoag mungana

E+MED UNR dwell atop+CONS AB+house on+3S.POS hour MED & dwell ADV+house NEII+MED.P

bwabwait oag, enim eo edu bwe nim oni me ngea emeg eat eben

object+RED+CONS AB+house 3S.DEP+MOD NEG go.down for MOD bring & E+MED dwell on+3S.POS land+CONS

kiyeo enim eo redo eow bwien bed Lu 17:32 1976

cultivate 3S.DEP+MOD NEG return DIR home+3S.POS also

the one who will be atop his house [on his rooftop] in that hour and the household belongings are in the house, he should not get down so that he should fetch them and the one who is in the field should not return home also

371.

A eõ ãeñ gamiã bwa amwam iki imin eõ nũñida ñune,

1S.DEP NEG wish 2P.OBJ for 2P.DEP+MOD not.know AB+thing NEG reveal E+PROX

bwi ta bwidũga ma amwa man ian amiã gatsitsi Ro 11:25

for only chance & 2P.DEP wise in+3S.POS GPOS+2P.POS arrogance

I do not wish that you should not know this hidden matter, just in case you are wise in your arrogance

12. Nauruan Modal Aspect Marker and the Question Word ‘*ōten*, *oten*, *otuwen*’.

When the Modal Aspect Maker ‘*nim*’ is used in a Question Clause or Reported Speech involving ‘*ōten*, *otuwen*’, several constructions are used.

Examples:

1. *ōten*/*otuwen* + *nim* clause

372.

otuwen an amea agen nim riring (a) aita agen? NB1.16
 how GPOS+3S.POS male+MED spouse+3S.POS MOD do (to) female+MED spouse+3S.POS
 [I read this as: how the male spouse should do to the female spouse?. i.e. how should the husband treat his wife]

373.

otuwen ata nim tsiet Gott omo eken⁴⁴? NB1.5
 how 1P.INC.IND MOD know God good INDF+CL20[21]
 how may we know God better?

374.

opana gata otuwen ata nim arowonga imin ngan
 3S.DEP+speak+to 1P.INC.OBJ how 1P.INC.IND MOD meet.up+to AB+thig E+P+
 eo mo NB1.3
 NEG good
 it tells us how we should meet up with / cope with things that are not good

2. Fronting of *nim*.

375.

God enim oten mwan ngaga, ia enim mwid wong angogen mungane eb ?
 God 3S.DEP+MOD how wise TEMP+MED COND 3S.DEP+MOD separate SUCC word+CONS NEII+E+PROX.P land
 Ro 3:6 1976
 God – it must be how his wisdom at that time if he should judge this earth to success? / how may God’s wisdom be at that time that he should judge this world to success?

376.

enim oten an ameneiywong bita an kamawir? 1Co 14:16

3S.DEP+MOD how GPOS+3S.POS *amen*+APPL+SUCCE NEIII+MED GPOS+3S.POS greet

it must be how his giving the 'amen' to his greeting? / how may it be his giving the 'amen' to his greeting?

377.

enim oten naga deideimiengin meg ngea ebum me amie marum

3S.DEP+MOD how directly manner+2P.POS+VNI+CONS dwell E+MED 3S.DEP+holy & GPOS+2P.POS zeal

ea God 2Pe3:11

to God

it must be how your manner of living that is holy and your zeal for God? / how may your manner of living be that is holy and your zeal for God?

3. ðten/otuwen + ia + *nim* clause

Examples:

378.

oten naga ia enim eke ngain ? Lu 20:44 1976

how directly COND 3S.DEP+MOD regard.as child+3S.POS

how is it when he should be regarded as his son?

379.

otuwen ia enim ouwenon? NB1:2

how COND 3S.DEP+MOD use

how is it when one should use it? / how should it be used?

13. Overlap of Unrealized Aspect Marker ‘*nan*’ and Modal Aspect Marker ‘*nim*’.

Regarding the obligation modality, there is some overlap between the Unrealized Aspect Marker ‘*nan*’ and Modal Aspect Marker ‘*nim*’.

Kayser makes the following observation:

“the same meaning (i.e. ‘must’) is often conveyed by the use of the particle for the Future [the Unrealized Aspect Marker] ‘nan’, especially when there is a real necessity or a fact that cannot be avoided.” (NG165)

There are many instances where the biblical text translators (1918 and 1976) use the Unrealized Aspect Marker for obligation when the source texts indicate obligation.

Examples:

380.

a nan otten man ñaga a nūm mäg inno ean o ata? NG165

1S.DEP UNR how wise TEMP+MED 1S.DEP MOD dwell yonder on+3S.POS FV ten

how will I manage since I must be there by ten o’clock?

[Kayser’s rendition: what must I do if I have to be there at ten o’clock?]

For the Nauruan idiom ‘ōten man, oten man, otten man’, see “Nauruan Question Words and Question Clauses” Section 14.13 by the present writer.

381.

i nan mā eañamä memagmemag NG165

UNR die AB+person all+all

all men must die

[Kayser’s rendition: all men must die]

382.

ama nan nuwaw aiyok me erow brot ia arobu denar pumwen

1P.EXC.DEP UNR go or+no & exchange bread COND two.hundred denar cost+3S.POS

ought we to go or not and buy loaves if the cost of it is two hundred denari

382a.

ōten, A nan tik etow ñaim ino wo ñaün ean ñago? Ge 24:5

TAG 1S.DEP UNR still bring child+2S.POS yonder 2S.DEP leave.from on+3S.POS TEMP+DIST

must I yet bring your son yonder where you departed from (by it) in the past?

383.

bwi nan òrre kōr mũñane imin memak me eitsiōk òrre etoki Matt 24:6

for UNR come INTENS NEII+PROX.P AB+thing all & PREI come AB+end
 for all these things must surely come (to pass) but the end is not yet

384.

me oiya ura bwe re nim yeiyi ? Mark 6:37 1976

& give+to 3P.DEP for 3P.DEP MOD eat
 must we go and buy loaves when two hundred denar its cost and give it to them so that they may eat?
 [literally: we will go or not and buy bread....]

385.

tekeiy am oduwen angogo eow Jerusalem, inan ouga bet

like GPOS+2S.POS witenss word+1S.POS DIR Jerusalem UNR be.so also

am oduwen angogo eow Rom Acts 23:11 1976

GPOS+2S.POS witness word+1S.POS DIR Rome
 like your witness about me in Jerusalem, it must also be the same your witness about me in Rome

386.

tin ia mwa mameg in ekeiduwet tuwomie me mwa inan ima Ro 8:13 1976

COND 2P.DEP dwell+RED CONS confide flesh+2P.POS & 2P.DEP UNR die
 If you persist in confiding in your flesh, you must die

387.

ri nan meta iruwin edae eo rokwo Re 1:1 1976

3P.DEP UNR go.out after+3S.POS AB+time NEG long
 they must occur after a short while

389.

inan ouga deidein abietow iat ub bita engame Re 11:5 1976

UNR be.so manner+CONS kill+3S.GER+DIR in+3S.POS pit NEIII+MED AB+person
 the manner of that man's being slain into the pit must be the same

14. Overlap of Perfective Aspect Suffix ‘en’ and Modal Aspect Marker ‘nim’.

Regarding the obligation modality, there is some overlap between the Perfective Aspect Suffix ‘-en’ and Modal Aspect Marker ‘nim’.

Kayser makes the following observation:

“the same meaning (i.e. ‘must’) is often conveyed ... by the realising particle [Perfective Aspect Suffix].” (NG165)

Examples:

390.

a nuwawen oa ijök? NG165

1S.DEP go+PERF or no

am I going now or not?

[Kayser’s rendition: must I go now or not?]

391.

kaija aragen hāga iruwin mūhane NG165

perhaps sick+PERF TEMP+MED after+3S.POS NEII+PROX.P

perhaps he is already sick since after these things

[Kayser’s rendition: he must be sick after this]

15. Nauruan Modal Aspet Marker in Contemporary Nauruan.

With dependent clauses, the trend in contemporary Nauruan is to delete the conjunction 'bwe' and where the actor is 3rd Person Singular, the dependent personal pronoun is usually dropped before the Modal Aspect Marker.

It may be that the English 'to' construction has influenced Nauruan.

Examples:

392.

Gott ngea iduwen eow engame nim eare an kamamar ian

God E+MED 3S.DEP+true lead AB+person MOD write GPOS+3S.POS think in+3S.POS

aiquen dabuch ngarana ebwigaga NB2.3

one book E+CL30[3]+MED 3S.DEP+holy+SUP

the true God led men (so that they) should write his thoughts in one book that is holy / the true God led men to write his thoughts in one book that is holy

393.

ura inan buōku nim tūrena a Gott NB2:31

3P.IND UNS assist+2S.OBJ MOD near to God

they will help you (so that you) should be close to God / they will help you to be close to God

394.

Gott tengeiy engame memak iat eb enim retsineiy Bibel NB2.3

God want+APPL AB+person all in+3S.POS land MOD read+APPL Bible

God wants of all people on Earth (that they) should read the Bible / God wants of all people on Earth to read the Bible

395.

eiy auwã gata me teng bett ata nim eauwã ngeiy NB2.5

3S.IND love 1P.INC.OBJ & want also 1P.INC.IND MOD love E+3S.IND

he loves us and also wants (that) we should love him / he loves us and wants us also to love him

396.

eiy tengeiy gata ang nim eauwã bett engame NB2.5

3S.IND want+APPL 1P.INC.OBJ 1P.INC.DEP MOD love also AB+person

he requires of us (that) we should also love people / he requires of us also to love people

397.

Jehova ōrig adamonin ān, ngea Eva, me oija Adam nim eke eiy agen NB2.7

Jehovah create beginning.of female E+MED Eve & give+to Adam MOD make 3S.IND spouse+3S.POS

Jehovah created the first woman, Eve, and gave her to Adam (so that she) should become his wife / Jehovah created the first woman, Eve, and gave her to Adam to become his wife

398.

Satan eõ tengeiy Adam me Eva nim eraban aen Jehova

Satan NEG want+APPL Adam & Eve MOD obey word+CONS Jehovah

Satan did not want for Adam and Eve (that they) should obey Jehovah's words / Satan did not want for Adam and Eve to obey Jehovah's words

400.

eiy õwenon schlange nim dorer a Eva NB2.9

3S.IND use serpent MOD talk to Eve

he used a serpent (so that it) should talk to Eve / he used a serpent to talk to Eve

401.

Gott ouge nim eõ õn atsin eat mūwena imin erõ NB2.9

God say MOD NEG eat from+3S.POS on+3S.POS NEII+CL27[6]+MED AB+thing 3S.DEP+grow

God said: (you) must not eat from that tree / God said: do not eat from that tree

402.

Gott eriringin ur nim erowi bwiur ngea Paradis NB2.10

God 3S.DEP+do+PERF 3D. DEP MOD leave home +3D.POS E+MED Paradise

God then made it (so that) both of them had to leave their home, Paradise

403.

eõ an teng Jehova ia nim ima engame NB2.11

NEG GPOS+3S.POS purpose Jehovah COND MOD die AB+person

it was not Jehovah's purpose that men should die

404.

iat edae imur, Jehova õijõn amune iadu enim pudu

in+3S.POS AB+time after Jehovah send male+PROX down 3S.DEP+MOD fall

ian Bethlehem eow itūrin aita dōgibono ngea Maria egen NB2.16

in+3S.POS Bethlehem DIR by+3S.POS female virgin E+MED Mary name+3S.POS

in a later time, Jehovah sent this one down (so that) he should be born in Bethlehem by a virgin woman whose name was Mary / in a later time, Jehovah sent this one down to be born in Bethlehem by a virgin woman whose name was Mary

405.

ngabūna amen eow tondak ar riring in amebūna dei Rom

E+ANIM.P+MED male+CONS lead sontag 3P.DEP do PERF male+ANIM.P+MED people.of Rome

rõ nim ogoe Jesu me abi NB2.17

3P.DEP MOD beat Jesus & kill

those religious leaders then made those Romans (so that) they should beat Jesus and kill him / those religious leaders then made those Romans to beat Jesus and kill him

406.

Gott õrida Jesu me riringin nim eiy uea ian monibain Gott NB2.19

God FAC+rise Jesus & do+PERF MOD 3S.IND king in+3S.POS rule+CONS God

God raised Jesus and made him (so that he) should be king of God's kingdom / God raised Jesus and made him to be king of God's kingdom

507.

monibain Gott inan riring eb nim eiy paradis NB2.19

rule+CONS God UNR do land MOD 3S.IND paradise

God's kingdom will make the Earth (so that) it should be Paradise / God's kingdom will make the Earth to be Paradise

508.

tetaro enim riring aen Gott ianweron me iat eb NB2.25

pray MOD do word+CONS God in.heaven & in+3S.POS land
 pray (that) God's word is done in heaven and on Earth

509.

õkõnga Jehova nim buõku riring ngea omo NB2.25

ask+to Jehovah MOD assist+2S.OBJ do E+MED 3S.DEP+good
 ask of Jehovah to help you do what is good

510.

an dogor Gott dögit emere nim ta ea inimaget aiqvan eman

GPOS+3S.POS AB+law God reason+3S.POS AB+marriage MOD only to among+3S.POS one male

me aiqvan ãn NB2.26

& one female
 God's law about marriage it must be only between one man and one woman

511.

iken imin ata nim riring nim õeibõki Gott? NB2.28

what AB+thing 1P.INC.IND MOD do MOD FAC+happy God

what must we do to please God?

512.

eiy eõ miow ia enim wereri engame iduwen angõgen Jehova NB2.16

3S.IND NEG fear COND 3S.DEP+MOD instruct AB+person AB+true word+CONS Jehovah
 he was unafraid that he should instruct / he was unafraid to instruct people the truth about Jehovah

513.

ada õkagando ia wo nim tsiet angõgen Jesu? NB2.17

why 3S.DEP+important COND 2S.DEP MOD know word+CONS Jesus
 why is it important that you should know about Jesus?

514.

õkaganado kõr eauwã ia enim ibibõki amen bwieni NB2.26

3S.DEP+important INTENS AB+love COND 3S.DEP+MOD happy male+CONS home+3S.POS+MUT
 love is most important if the family should be happy

16. The construction 'eimwi bwe nim'.

A frequent construction (especially in the 1918 Bible) which has an obligation sense is:

eimwi bwe...nim , it is right that...should = must, ought etc.

Examples:

515.

eimwi³⁷ bet bwe wo nim¹² rouw atsin itũrin Ruth ñea ãnimwen Moab
 right also for 2S.DEP MOD exchange from+3S.POS by+3S.POS Ruth E+MED female+CONS Moab
 ñea agen amuno eman, bwe wo nim õwejoran egen amea
 E+MED spouse+CONS male+DIST 3S.DEP+die+PERF for 2S.DEP MOD establish name+CONS male+MED
 ñea eman ean ũbwien Ru 4:4

E+MED 3S.DEP+die+PERF on+3S.POS home+3S.POS

you also ought to acquire it from Ruth the Moabitess whose late husband had died (the dead man's widow), in order to establish the name of the man who had died in his property/it is right also that you should...

516.

eko wañara imin ñea eimwi bwe re nim erowi aũra makur it⁵⁰ taramawir
 be.not RPOS+3P.POS AB+thing E+MED right for 3P.DEP MOD leave GPOS+3P.POS work CONS worship
 bwe dõgin 2Chr 35:15

for reason+3S.POS

there was no need why they ought to leave their religious service because of it/they had nothing that it was right that they should....

517.

ã nim oija eñame eat ibũm aeoweaeow eõ toki mũñana ñana
 3S.DEP MOD give.to AB+person on+3S.POS AB+day forever NEG end NEII+MED.P E+MED.P

eimwi bwe ã nim oija ũra Ezra 6:9

right for 3S.DEP MOD give.to 3P.IND

let the men be given every day without ceasing those things, the things that ought to be given them/those things that it is right that one should give them

518.

mi tamo iju baibain maneabin wam Gott, ñan eimwi bwe wo nim totow,
 & any more object+RED+CONS maneaba+CONS RPOS+2S.POS God E+P+ right for 2S.DEP MOD give
 wo nim totow atsin ian wakin wõn imin uea Ezra 7:20

2S.DEP MOD give from+3S.POS in+3S.POS house+CONS RPOS+3S.POS AB+thing king

and any more things to do with the House of your God that ought to be given, give from the house of the king's belongings/and any more things to do with the House of God that it is tight that you should...

519.

bwe¹² eimwi bwa¹² auwe wo nim ijij, me deõ²⁵ aña³⁹ Job 34:33for right for 2S.IND 2S.DEP MOD chose+RED & NEG+only 1S.IND
for you must choose, and not I/for it is right that you should...

520.

bwa¹² anin omotañitañ nan wereri a gamiã mũñan eimwi bwa¹² amwaim

for spirit+3S.POS 3S.DEP+good+SUP UNR teach to 2P.OBJ NEII+P+ right for 2P.DEP+MOD

õrai ean stunde ia Lu 12:12

cast on+3S.POS hour MED

for the holy spirit will instruct you the things you ought to speak in that hour/for the holy spirit will instruct you the things that it is right that you should speak in that hour

521.

etsimine⁵⁹ abũmin⁵³ año ñan eimwi bwe¹² eñame enimõ¹⁶ makur ean Lu 13:14S.DEP+exist NP+CLA5[11]+CONS six E+P+ right for AB+person 3S.DEP+MOD work on+3S.POS
there are six days on which men ought to work /there are six day on which it is right that men should work

522.

A õren rouw etañ in kiãõ emwarin⁷⁸, me eimwi bwa¹² A nimõ¹⁶ nuaw

1S.DEP IMM exchange AB+place CONS cultivate INDF+CL23[22] & right for 1S.DEP MOD go

ma¹² aia Lu 14:18

& see

I have just bought a field and I ought to go and see it/I have just bought a field and it is right that I should...

523.

mõ¹² õ⁷⁰ karai aňõgin õtsiñin a ñra bwe¹² eimwi bwe re nimõ¹⁶ tetaro

& 3S.DEP CAUS+cast word+CONS illustrate to 3P.IND for right for 3P.DEP MOD pray

aeoweaeow me¹² eõ ñij Lu 18:1

forever & NEG flag

and he spoke an illustration (parable) to them for they needed to pray continually and not flag /and he spoke an illustration to them that it was right that they should...

 In the negative, it can either appear as
eõ eimwi bwe...nim

or as

eõ eimwi ia...nim

Examples:

524.

õten, eõ eimwi bwa A nim kanakania mō^{9,29} pan ñea Jehova õñaeow²⁹

TAG NEG right for 1S.DEP MOD look+RED &+3S.DEP speak E+MED Jehovah 3S.DEP+put

ian mwũ? Nu23:12

in+3S.POS mouth+1S.POS

ought I not take heed to speak what Jehovah has put in my mouth?/is it not right that I should....

525.

õten, eõ eimwi bwa amwam tsiet Jehova 2Chr 13:5

TAG NEG right for 2P.DEP+MOD know Jehovah

ought you not know Jehovah / is it not right that you should know Jehovah

‘eõ eimwi ia...nim’ can be further simplified to

eõ eimwi ia...

Examples:

526.

wo ogiten ririñ ame emakur ion ñea eõ eimwi ia ã ririñ Ge 20:9

2S.DEP COMP do to+1S.DAT AB+work INDF E+MED NEG right COND 3S.DEP do

you had performed for me a deed that ought not be done/you had performed for me a deed that it is not right if one perform it

527.

eo eimwi ia ebaru bita brot wot⁶⁴ oning me ia eoraiya

NEG right COND 3S.DEP+give NEIII+MED bread RPOS+3S.POS young & COND 3S.DEP+cast+to

ngamuna [sic; ngabuna] ngain rober Matt 15:26;Mark 7:27 1976

E+ANIM.P+MED

child+CONS dog

you ought not give the bread belonging to the children and that it is thrown down to the puppies/it is not right that...

17. Prospective Aspect.

The Prospective Aspect refers to an action or state on the point of happening, and can be translated variously as “about to...”, “on the verge of...”, “on the point of...”, and is marked by a number of constructions in Nauruan. Here we consider several constructions involving the use of the Modal Aspect Marker:

ōren/orren + nim + V

where *ōren* is the Immediative Marker⁸⁷, *nim* is the Modal Marker.

Examples:

528

me aijūra⁵⁴ ran mūena⁴⁵ vitis: mō ōgain etsitobo iō¹² ō⁷⁰ ōren enim¹⁶
 & three+CL30[3] branch+CONS NEII+CL27[6]+MED vine & [---] 3S.DEP+similar COND --- IMM MOD
 kauwei, mō¹² ōbaōen akauwen; me¹² erigen quan ñan
 blossom & 3S.DEP+break+PERF blossom+3S.POS & 3S.DEP+come.into.being+PERF fruit+3S.POS E+P+ 3S.DEP
 emer Ge 40:10
 ripe
 and three branches that vine: and it was similar when about to flower, and its blossom then budded; and ripe fruit was then
 produced

529.

me ñag ō⁷⁰ ōren nim ijababa, Jehova ōkania 1Ch 21:15
 & TEMP+MED -- IMM MOD break.up Jehovah 3SDEP+behold
 and when he was about to destroy them, Jehovah looked on

530.

tekei ãn ñea ōren nimō¹⁶ mere Is 49:18
 like female E+MED IMM MOD marry
 like a woman the one who is about to marry (i.e. a bride)

531.

bwe aikwet²¹ erak ngain amea, en, kaiya ata me aro an obweni eita
 for one sole child+3S.POS male+MED female perhaps ten & two GPOS+3S.POS year female+MED
 me oren enim¹⁶ ima eita ngaga Lu 8:42 1976
 & IMM MOD die female+MED TEMP+MED
 for that man had only one child, a girl, perhaps twelve her years, and she was about to die at that time

532.

inga teman ngaga oren enim¹⁶ oaweiy in meta? Lu 21:7 1976
 what sign+3SPOS TEMP+MED IMM MOD begin CONS go.out
 what is the sign for it when it is about to start to occur?

533.

mi⁹ tsin ia A òren nim edu, eduen ion ian obwõ John 5:7
 & COND 1S.DEP IMM MOD descend descend+PEF INDF in+3S.POS before+1S.POS
 but as I am about to descend, another already descends ahead of me

534.

amea ñag ãt Petrus mi Johannes bwa ar òren nim metu iat⁵⁰ tempel Ac 3:3
 male+MED TEMP+ see Peter & John for 3D.DEP IMM MOD go.in in+3S.POS temple

535.

me ngaga amea Herodes oren nim tuwin omeata Ac 12:6 1976
 & TEMP+MED male+MED Herod IMM MOD go.to+CONS bring.out
 and when Herod was about to go to bring him out

536.

me ngaga oren enim¹⁶ yeida amea Paulus... Ac 18:14 1976
 & TEMP+MED IMM MOD start.up male+MED Paul
 and when Paul was about to begin speaking

537.

ngaga aiyun an maraman ina me ngaga oren enim¹⁶ bwadi
 TEMP+MED three+PERF GPOSS+3SPOS month there & TEMP+MED IMM MOD sail
 eaeow Syria me oaeo angen⁶⁶ turin ngabuna juden Ac 20:3 1976
 towards Syria & strong to+VNI+PERF by+3S.POS E+ANIM.P+MED jews
 when now were three his months there , and when he was about to set sail for Syria, he was now opposed by the Jews

538.

me ngaga oren enim¹⁶ otow ian mumwarina⁷⁸ atangen amen ake Ac 21:37 1976
 & TEMP+MED IMM MOD bring in+3S.POS NEII+CL23[22]+MED place+CONS male+CONS fight
 and when they were about to bring him into the place of the soldiers...

539.

ngaga oren enim¹⁶ eabwiyubwiy me Paulus ita eneneiy memag ngabuna
 TEMP+MED IMM MOD 3S.DEP+first.light & Paul only press+APPL all E+ANIM.P+MED
 bwe re nim yeiyi Acts 27:33 1976
 for 3P.DEP MOD eat
 when it was about to be first light, Paul pressed on everyone that they should eat

540.

ean an tueb, me amea Jacob omawireiy murumena ngain Joseph,
 on+3S.POS GPOS+3S.POS faith & male+MED Jacob FAC+favourable+APPL NEII+two+male+MED child+3POS Joseph
 ngaga oreit enim¹⁶ ema He 11:21 1976
 TEMP+MED PROG MOD die
 by his faith, Jacob blessed those two son's of Joseph, when he was about to die

541.

ean an tueb, me amea Joseph ngea oreit enim¹⁶ ima, me omaraten
 on+3S.POS GPOS+3S.POS faith & male+MED Joseph E+MED PROG MOD die, & remember+PERF
 nuwawin aura bwaoeda eatin Egypt ngabuna eoning in Israel
 concerning+3SPOS GPOS+3P.POS separate+DIR1 from+3S.POS Egypt E+ANIM.P+MED AB+small CONS Israel
 by his faith, Joseph the one who was about to die, then remembered about the departure from Egypt of the sons of Israel
 He 11:22 1976

542.

me bita dragon oeiyo ian obwet eita ngea oren enim¹⁶ oti
 & NEIII+MED dragon stand in+3.SPOS before+3S.POS female+MED E+MED IMM MOD be.delivered
 ngait⁶⁴ on Re 12:4
 child+3S.POS INDF
 and the dragon stood before the woman who was about to be delivered of a child

543.

me ã gadauw tekei ãn ñea õren nimõ¹⁶ mere, ñea ã õmamo
 & 3S.DEP prepare like woman E+MED IMM MOD marry E+MED 3S.DEP adorn
 ian obwen agen Re 21:2
 in+3S.POS before+3S.POS spouse+3S.POS
 and she was prepared as a woman who is about to marry (i.e. a bride) who was adorned before her husband

544.

tũkõ ine, bwa A nim õmeata aw ãn ñea õren nimõ¹⁶ mere,
 come+COMM here for 1S.DEP MOD show to+2S.OBJ female E+MED IMM MOD marry
 ñea agen Lamm Re 21:9
 E+MED spouse+3S.POS Lamb
 come here! for I must show you the woman who is about to marry (i.e. the bride), whose husband is the Lamb

545.

me ngaga örren e nüm akorda äta me amea Eliezer e nang a Nuw 14:4
 & TEMP+MED IMM MOD go.up female+MED & male+MED Eliezar 3S.DEP go to
 and when she was about to go up (from the well), Eliezer went to her

546.

eko imin bätibät itürü ngago a od ean bitune Jordan,
 be.not AB+thing at.all by+1S.POS TEMP+DIST 1S.DEP pass.by on+3S.POS NEIII+PROX Jordan
 bue i ta wanga äwäw emaen me ngage a örren nüm rädö ubuiö
 for only RPOS+1S.POS staff INDF+CL21[22] & TEMP+PROX 1SDEP IMM MOD return home+1SPOS
 me arupowien wanga imin ö gökörö Nuw 17:2
 & two+CL29[30]+PERF RPOS+1S.POS AB+thing 3S.DEP run+RED
 I had nothing at the time when I crossed this Jordan, except for a staff of mine and now I am about to return to my home and
 my animals are now two herds

547.

r eamad a ngabüna Israel inna areijän bita emago ngea muirare

3P.DEP reach to E+ANIM.P+MED Israel there shore+3S.POS NEIII+MED AB+sea E+MED red

ngag örren e nüm obum Nuw 34:1

TEMP+ IMM MOD nighttime

they caught up with the Israelites there by the shore of the Red Sea when it was about to be night

548.

ita ngaga oren nim ed oeron, enim gapapar - Eidogorube PS1979

only TEMP+MED IMM MOD rain cloud 3S.DEP+MOD CAUS+haste+RED

just when it is about to rain, he should make haste

There is one instance in the texts where the construction is *oreita + nim + V*, *oreita* being the progressive aspect marker⁸⁸, and *nim* being the modal marker.

Example:

549.

Joe oreita nimw tuwutin emáá ján Ouwai - Nat 1973:23

Joe PROG MOD go.to+CONS+PERF die in+3S.POS Hawaii

Joe is on the verge of going for to die in Hawaii

A similar meaning is associated with this construction:

MOD + V + *-en* , Perfective Aspect Suffix, i.e.

549a

ñaga Jehova enim otawen ianweron Elia eow eat eapwir 2Ki 2:1 when Jehovah was about to bring Elijah up in a whirlwind

549b

ma aña ijegen, ñag A nimõ wei añet ewak ion 2Chr 2:6 and who am I, since I am about to build a dwelling place

549c

ñea õijõn aet eijin itürit ekabaät e towiow nanan, me e nim oroeän Pr 26:6 the one sending word through a fool is cutting off his own feet and he is about to suffer for it

17.1. Alternative Construction to convey the Prospective Aspect.

When the perfective aspect suffix is associated with the adverbial particle *naga*, “directly”, it often has a prospective meaning

Examples:

550.

eawen naga NG:165

light+PERF directly

it's about to get light

[Kayser's rendition: it becomes light directly]

551.

A man naga Ge 25:32;48:21;50:5

1S.DEP die+PERF directly

I am about to die

552.

ñagan eman naga eben Ñgypten...bwe dögit erörö Ge 47:13

therefore 3S.DEP+die+PERF directly land+CONS Egypt for reason+3S.POS AB+famine

therefore the land of Egypt was about to die because of famine

553.

obumen naga NG184

öbūmen naga Judg 19:9; Lu 9:12

FAC+night+PERF directly

it's about to be night time

[Kayser's rendition: it is night soonly]

554.

ejeñ ãita ijiben, ñea agen Pinehas, me emagen naga

3S.DEP+pregnant female+MED in-law+3S.POS E+MED spouse+CONS Phinehas & 3S.DEP+exhaust+PERF directly

an maram 1Sa 4:19

GPOS+3S.POS month

his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant and her months were about to end

555.

A ñowen naga ian medenan amen eat eb memak 1Ki 2:2

1S.DEP go+PERF directly in+3S.POS way+CONS male+CONS on+3S.POS Iland all

I am about to go in the way of people of all the earth

556.

itik öreaten naga wūrin maneabin Jehova atsin Babylon Je 27:16

yet bring+PERF directly cup+CONS official.house+CONS Jehovah from+3S.POS Babylon

the cups of Jehovah's house are about to be brought back from Babylon

557.

arak an tsiõ ruwadun aibu ion ñea ã auwã, me eman naga Lu 7:2

ill GPOS+3S.POS servant boss+CONS hundred INDF E+MED 3S.DEP love & 3S.DEP+die+PERF directly
 the servant of a captain of a hundred (i.e. centurion) who was loved, was about to die

558.

eden naga Lu 12:54

rain+PERF directly
 it's about to rain

559.

mũñan òrre eowen naga eat eb Lu 21:26

NEII+MEDP come DIR+PERF directly on+3SPOS land
 the things about to come on earth

560.

õbūmen naga me etokien naga aran Lu 24:29

at.night+PERF directly & 3SDEP+end+PERF directly day.time
 it's about to be night time and day time is about to end

561.

meg ko tangimar bwe emeren naga me oeowowedun ngabumine Lu 24:29

dwell COMM beside+1D.EXC.POSS for evening+PERF directly & decline E+CL5+PROX
 stay with us both because it's about to be evening and today is declining

562.

ñaga Jesu etsiet bwõ rō òrren naga bwe re nim õbū me eke uea,

TEMP+MED Jesus 3SDEP+know for 3PDEP come+PERF directly for 3PDEP MOD take & act.as king

e⁷⁰ tik rogawen eat etowedūdū te ei John 6:15

--- yet go.up+DIR9+PERF on+3SPOS AB+hill only 3SIND

when Jesus knew that they were bout to come so that they might take him and make him king, he again went up the mountain by himself

563.

ekeowen naga anūbūmin me etūreten aran Ro 13:12

be.not+DIR+PERF directly in.the.night+CONS & 3SDEP+near+PERF day.time
 the night is about to cease, and day time has approached]

564.

eangadan naga anubumwit ibum me etureten aranin Ro 13:12

be.over+PERF directly in.the.night+CONS AB+day & 3SDEP+near+PERF day.time+3S.POS
 the night is about to be over and day time has approached

565.

aiyuworien naga aeo nanga kamie 2Co 13:1

NP+three+CL36+PERF directly GPOSS+1SPOS go+to 2POBJ
 this is about the third time my coming to you

566.

A nimen A eagada awen naga 1Ti3:14

1SDEP consider 1SDEP reach to+2SOBJ+PERF directly
 I thought: I am about to reach you

567.

A nan raña aw bet atsin eat stunde n iqui ñea õrre eowen naga

1SDEP UNR keep to+2SOBJ also from+3SPOS on+3SPOS hour CONS AB+test E+MED come DIR+PERF directly

ean amen eat eb memak Re3:10

on+3SPOS male+CONS on+3SPOS land all

I will keep you also from the hour of testing which is about to come on people of
all the earth

568.

ita drakon õweiyo ian met ãita ñea opuduen naga ñain Re12:4

the dragon stands before the woman who is about to give birth to her child

569.

ouwak an damadam ñag etsiet bwe emagen naga an bũm Re12 :12

big GPOSS+3SPOS anger TEMP+MED 3SDEP+know for 3SDEP+end+PERF directly GPOSS+3SPOS day

his anger was great when he knew that his days were about to end

570.

ñabũna ro puduen naga ã õweijoran ũra eow ean aem Job 4:4

E+ANIM.P+MED 3P.DEP fall+PERF directly 3S.DEP FAC+stand 3POBJ DIR on+3SPOS voice+2SPOS

those ones about to fall were upheld by your word

18. Notes.

1. Nauru Congregational Church 1887 – 1987, p 12

2.

(1) Pacific Islands Monthly, Vol. 11, No. 4, p 21;

(2) Karl H.M. Rensch. 1993. 'Father Alois Kayser and the Recent History of the Nauruan language', in Nauru Grammar by Alois Kayser MSC, edited by Karl H.M. Rensch (p I – XIII). Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, ACT, Australia.

3.

(1) Chiefs of Baitsi, Papers of Camilla Wedgwood, National Library of Australia;

(2) Nauru Detudamo 17.II.35, p 10. Papers of Camilla Wedgwood, National Library of Australia.

4.

'Micronesian' in this paper is used to describe the group of languages sharing the same common ancestor language that developed from the earlier ancestor language referred to as 'Proto-Oceanic' – itself a descendent of the original ancestor language referred to as 'Proto-Austronesian'.

The major member languages of the Micronesian group of languages are (alphabetically): Carolinian, Chuukese-Mortlockese, Kiribati, Kosraean, Marshallese, Mwokilese, Nauruan, Pingelapese, Pohnpeian, Puluwatese, Satawalese, Sonsorolese, Ulithian, and Woleaian.

Micronesian, used as a cultural/geographic area, includes (in addition to the above):

(a) the people of Belau, and the Chamorro people of Guam and the Mariana Islands (the languages of these two peoples are more closely related to the languages of the Philippines, and these two peoples appear to have been in-situ far longer than any of the other groups);

(b) the people of Yap (who predated the arrival of the peoples now speaking the Micronesian group of languages, but whose language descended from Proto-Oceanic);

(c) the people of the atolls of Kapingamarangi and Nukuoro, who are members of the Polynesian group of languages (also descended from Proto-Oceanic), who are more recent neighbours.

5.

See Jackson, Frederick H. 1986. 'On determining the external relationships of the Micronesian languages'. Geraghty, P., Carrington, L. and Wurm, S.A. editors. FOCAL II: Papers from the Fourth International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics. Pacific Linguistics Series C – No.94. The Australian National University.

6.

Another contributory factor to the change in Nauruan culture and language stability must be attributed to the cruelty perpetrated against the Nauruan people by the Imperial Japanese Forces during the 2nd World War.

At the outbreak of the war in 1940 the Nauruan people numbered 1800 (Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of Nauru during the year 1940, page 25). Following the invasion and occupation of Nauru by the Imperial Japanese Forces on 26th August 1942, a horrendous situation befell the Nauruans. Mistreatment and food shortages were daily sufferings until liberation by the Australian armed forces on 13th September 1945 (Tanaka 2010). This was compounded by the forced removal of 1200 Nauruans to the Chuuk archipelago in 1943 where mistreatment and starvation resulted in a 38% fatality rate.

The gatekeepers of Nauruan custom were decimated: the 1933 Census enumerated 65 Nauruans aged 60 years and above (4 % of the population of 1540). By 1948, out of 1448 Nauruans only 15 Nauruans (1%) were aged 60 years and above (Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics Bulletin No.7, 1934; Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations 1949).

7. Nauruan Personal Pronouns.

Dependent forms are attached to verbs or pre-verbal particles to indicate the actor of the verb phrase.

Independent and Emphatic pronouns are used for emphasis and contrast, and there is a certain overlap with the two forms.

The Independent 3rd Person non-singular forms are used both for actor and Objective (direct and indirect) positions.

The other Objective forms are used for direct and indirect object.

The indirect objective form, 1st person singular, is irregular – '*me*' .

Table 5 . Nauruan Personal Pronouns.

Number	Person	Function				
		Dependent	Independent	Emphatic	Objective (suffix)	Possessive (suffix)
Singular	1 st	a	aña anga	naña nanga	ō/eō o	-ū -u -ō -o
	2 nd	wo	auwe awe	ñauwe ngawe	w uw	m
	3 rd	e, o ā	ei eiy	ñei ngeiy	-	n
Dual	1 st inclusive	ar [æɾ]]	adar attar	ñadar ngattar	gadar kattar	dar tar
	1 st exclusive	mar	amar amar	ñamar ngamar	gamar kamar	mar
	2 nd	amwar mwar	amūrōr amuror	ñamūrōr ngamuror	gamūrōr kamuror	mūrōr muror
	3 rd	or [ʌɾ] ar [ʌɾ]	ūrōr uror	ñūrōr nguror	ūrōr uror	rōr ror
Tripl	1 st inclusive	eij eiy	adei atteiy	ñadei ngatteiy	gadei katteiy	dei teiy
	1 st exclusive	mei ameiy	amei ameiy	ñamei ngameiy	gamei kameiy	mei meiy
	2 nd	amwei mweiy	amiei amieiy	ñamiei ngamieiy	gamiei kamieiy	miei mieiy
	3 rd	arei areiy	ūrei ureiy	ñūrei ngureiy	ūrei ureiy	rei reiy
Plural	1 st inclusive	añ ang	ada atta	ñada ngatta	gada katta	da ta
	1 st exclusive	ama ma	ama	ñama ngama	gama kama	ma
	2 nd	amwa mwa	amiā amie	ñamiā ngamie	gamiā kamie	miā mie
	3 rd	re ro	ūra ura	ñūra ngura	ūra ura	ra

In the 1918 Bible both the 1st Person Dual Inclusive Dependent Pronoun and the 3rd Person Dual Dependent Pronoun are spelt 'ar', but there is a difference in vowel quality, i.e:

1st Person Dual Inclusive Dependent Pronoun - ar [æɾ]

3rd Person Dual Dependent Pronoun - ar [ʌɾ]

The 3rd Person Singular and Plural Dependent Pronouns usually take the form 'o' and 'ro' when the following word has 'o' or 'u' in the first syllable, or initial 'kw' or 'mw'.

8. Conditional Marker ‘tsin ia/tin ia, ia’.

The Conditional Marker is used for General and Logical Conditions, or Factual Conditions, i.e. the results of a condition that is either true or likely or feasible - and when projected into the future, the future results of a probable or expected condition.

The conditional clause has two parts: first, the condition that allows something to happen [in formal descriptions called the protasis, derived from the Greek word meaning “set out first”]; and second, the result [in formal descriptions called the apodosis, derived from the Greek word meaning “something that is granted after”].

“if” and “when” are interchangeable in English where the meaning is “whenever” (repeated predictable actions). Otherwise, “when” is used where the occurrence is certain and “if” is used where the occurrence is uncertain.

In the Nauruan language factual conditions are usually introduced by ‘ia’ [if, when] and the result is indicated by ‘*inan*, *nan*’ [Unrealized Aspect Marker] in positive results, or ‘*eab*’ [Negative Unrealized Aspect Marker] in negative results.

The negative result can also appear as ‘*inan eab*, *nan eab*’ and ‘*inan eō*, *nan eō*’.

Where the conditional clause is at the head of the phrase, the intensifying particle ‘*tsin/tin*’ precedes ‘*ia*’.

It appears that the diphthongs [ia, io, iu] normally represented an initial non-syllabic vowel glide [ja, jo, ju]; these have drifted to [ja, jo, ju]; in contemporary Nauruan its sound varies from /j/ to the fricated sound [j̥], which is gaining the upper hand: e.g.

‘*ia*’ > [ja/j̥a]

The vowel in ‘*ia*’ is regularly elided when the following syllable begins with a vowel, i.e.:

Example 60, ‘*inan abuätit egän i ’e nüm ewuina*’ NG75 it will be how many objects of Classifier 7 if it should suffice?

Different constructions are used for Contrafactual Conditions, that is, the results of a condition that is not true – and when thrown back in time, the supposed results of events considered possible that could have taken place in the past but did not.

Table 6: Basic Template for Conditional Clauses.

Condition	Result	Negative Result
tsin ia/tin ia ia	inan, nan	eab inan eab, nan eab inan eõ, nan eõ

9. Vowel Elision

There are inconsistencies in both the 1918 and 1976 orthographies. At times the orthographies represent the underlying elements in a phrase, and at other times the orthographies represent a more phonetic representation of the phrase.

‘wo’, ‘2nd person singular dependent pronoun’; and ‘re’, ‘3rd person plural dependent pronoun, they’ regularly undergo vowel elision when they are followed by a stressed vowel, i.e.:

w'eö nan'a bita rober bu'äeä, NG19 do not go near that dog for it bites

w'eiki hana r'idödön uw? NG19 do you not know that they are laughing at you?

r'eikuba iö r'adad mor NG19 they are unskilled when they catch flying fish

‘me’, ‘and’; ‘bwe’, ‘for’; ‘ta, ita’, ‘only’; ‘ia’ Conditional Marker, regularly undergo vowel elision when the following syllable begins with a vowel, but there is no consistency in the orthographies.

‘me’, ‘and’; ‘bwe’, ‘for’; and ‘re’, ‘they’ usually assimilate to the initial vowel of ‘ita’, ‘only’, and ‘inan’, Unrealized Aspect Marker, i.e.

me + ita > mi ta

me + inan > mi nan

bwe + ita > bwi ta

bwe + inan > bwi nan

re + ita > ri ta

re + inan > ri nan

This is further reflected when ‘*me*’, ‘*bwe*’, and ‘*re*’ precede historically frozen word combinations incorporating ‘*ita*’ such as:

tamo, any < *ta* + *amo*

> *mi tamō* etc

tekei, (it is) like < *ta* + *eke* + *ei*

> *mi tekei*

tik, still < *ta* + *ik*

> *mi tik*

teñ, *teng* want < *ta* + *āeñ*, *eeng* wish, desire

> *mi teñ*

‘*mi*’ seems to be the preferred form before words whose first syllable has an ‘*i*’, ‘*ü*’, or ‘*u*’, such as ‘*tuwin*’ ‘*tü*’ ‘*tsimor*’ ‘*tsiet*’ ‘*tsibemin*’ ‘*türen*’ ‘*turañañ*’, ‘*tin*’.

10. ‘*ita*, *ta*’.

The adverbial particle ‘*ita*, *ta*’ means ‘only, just’. The forms ‘*ita*, *ta*’ are interchangeable. ‘*ita*, *ta*’ usually elides its vowel before an initial vowel.

11. Inalienable Possession.

Nauruan, like other Oceanic languages, makes a distinction between the close nature, or otherwise, of objects and concepts to humans.

In Nauruan, objects which are considered as an integral part of human existence and cannot be separated from the person fall into the inalienable category. i.e.

- kinship terms
- body parts
- body substances
- a person’s spirit, name, and shadow
- particular cultural objects
- objects brought into an intimate personal bond

Other nouns are viewed as less bound to humans, the relationship being termed alienable.

This duality (inalienable/alienable) is manifested in possessive constructions :

- a. Inalienable: nouns are marked with a direct possession construction with suffixes specifying the possessor being attached to the inalienable noun.
- b. Alienable: nouns are marked with an indirect possession construction that requires a possessive classifier - with the appropriate possessive suffix - that precedes the alienable noun (see Notes 15 and 22).

Table 7. Inalienable Possessive Suffixes.

Person	1 st	1 st inclusive	1 st Exclusive	2nd	3rd
Singular	-o/-ō [-ʌ]			-m	-n
Dual		-tar/-dar [-tær]	-mar [-mæɹ]	-muror/-mūrōr [-mɪrʌr]	-uror/-ūrōr [-ɪrʌr]
Trial		-teiy/-dei [-tey]	-meiy/-mei [-mey]	-mieiy/-miei [-miey]	-reiy/-rei [-rey]
Plural		-ta/-da [-tæ]	-ma [-mæ]	-mie/-miã [-mie]	-ra [-ræ]

Note:

Stems ending in a consonant, the suffix -o/-ō [-ʌ] is realized as -u/-ū [-ɪ]

In Nauruan, the Construct Particle 'in' in many environments has merged with the 3rd Person Singular Suffix.

Examples:

ben = his hand, his arm *bet imin òeta* = the arm of the bird, i.e. wing

ren = its leaf *ret epo* = pandanus leaf, leaf of the pandanus

men = his eye *met ikumo* = a pig's eye, eye of the pig

(these examples all show denasalization – see Note 21)

12. 'dummy' Vowels.

There are inconsistencies in both the 1918 and 1976 orthographies. At times the orthographies represent the underlying elements in a phrase, and at other times the orthographies represent a more phonetic representation of the phrase.

'me', 'and'; 'bwe', 'for'; 'ta, ita', 'only'; 'ia' Conditional Marker, regularly undergo vowel elision when the following element begins with a vowel, but there is no consistency in the orthographies.

'me', 'and'; 'bwe', 'for'; 'ta', 'only'; are often written with a 'dummy' vowel, i.e. :

Example 3: *me epo* = *m epo*

Example 4: *bwa A nim ömeata* = *bw a nim ömeata*

13. Orthographic Convention 1918 Bible.

In the 1918 Bible, the 1st Person Singular Dependent Pronoun is spelt with a capital 'A'.

In the 1918 Bible, when the 3rd Person actor is impersonal, the 3rd Person Dependent Pronoun 'e' is spelt 'ä'.

14. Adposition 'ea, a'

The adposition 'ea, a' is used to indicate

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- (a) the indirect object of verbs, 'to the recipient of verbal action'.
 - (b) when governed by a verb, to modify the outcome of the verb
 - (c) for use in comparative clauses, 'than X'
 - (d) with spatial or temporal uses: until, up to a point in time or distance
 - (e) for, on behalf of

The adposition 'ea, a' does not follow the usual pattern of adpositions – these normally take the inalienable possessive suffixes (see Note 11). Rather, 'ea, a' attaches the Objective forms of the Personal Pronouns to itself. The only exceptions are the irregular 1st Person Singular form 'eame, ame' and the default 3rd Person Singular form 'ea, a'.

Compound adpositions incorporating 'ea, a' follow the same pattern: 'epo a', 'together with'; 'goeow a', 'far from'; 'obwo a', 'against'; 'tūren a', 'near to, close by'.

The term 'default' that is used in the above paragraph means in this study that whenever the 3rd Person Singular form 'ea, a' does not govern a following word, it automatically means 'to him/her/it'.

The forms with 'ea' appear to be usual where the preceeding word ends with an /a/.

Table 8. Adposition 'ea, a' with person/object reference:

	Singular	Dual		Trial		Plural	
1 st Person	eame/ame ea me/a me	EXC	ea/a gamar ea/a kamar	EXC	ea/a gamei ea/a kameiy	EXC	ea/a gama ea/a kama
		INC	ea/a gadar ea/a kattar	INC	ea/a gadei ea/a katteiy	INC	ea/a gada ea/a katta
2 nd Person	eaw/aw ea uw/a uw	ea/a gamūrōr ea/a kamuror		ea/a gamiei ea/a kamieiy		ea/a gamiā ea/a kamie	
3 rd Person	ea, a	ea/a ūrōr ea/a uror		ea/a ūrei ea/a ureiy		ea/a ūra ea/a ura	

If emphasis is required, the default 3rd Person Singular form 'ea, a' can be followed by the 3rd Person Singular Emphatic Pronoun, *ñei, ngeiy*.

Where a verb that is governed by the adposition 'ea, a' is modified by the addition of the Perfective Aspect Suffix, some phonological changes take place :

In cases where the recipient of the action in 1st and 2nd Person Singular, the Perfective Aspect Suffix is attached directly to the adposition, i.e.:

$V + ame + -en > V + amen$

$V + aw + -en > V + awen$

In the case of the 3rd Person Singular, the Velar Nasal Infix occurs between the adposition and the Perfective Aspect Suffix, i.e.:

$V + a + -en > V + angen$

This pattern is followed with the Plural recipients, i.e.:

$V + ea + kamuror + -en > V + angen kamuror$

$V + ea, a + uror + -en > V + angen uror$

$V + ea, a + ureiy + -en > V + angen ureiy$

$V + ea, a + ura + -en > V + angen ura$

15. General Possessive Classifier.

There are two possessive classifiers used in Nauruan alienable possessive phrases:

with the base ‘a-’.

This general possessive classifier is used for objects in a relationship of outright possession or “ownership” (NG20); the Nauruan general possessive classifier ‘a-’ seems to reflect Proto-Micronesian *aa, ‘own or acquire ownership of an alienable object’ (Bender et al. 2003).

with the base ‘wō-, wa-’ (1918 Bible), ‘wo-/wa-’ 1976).

This relative possessive classifier is used for “actual use of a thing, the permanent or transitory possession of a thing” (NG20)

The Relative Possessive Classifier is discussed in a later note.

As explained in Note 11, objects which are considered as an integral part of human existence and cannot be separated from the person fall into the inalienable category.

Table 9. Basic Template for the Alienable Possessive Phrase.

Function 1 Slot	Function 2 slot	Function 3 Slot	Function 4 Slot (optional)
Possessive Classifier	Possessive Suffix referencing Possessor	Possessum	Possessor

Table 10. General Possessive Classifier.

Number	1 st person	1 st inclusive	1 st exclusive	2 nd person	3 rd person
Singular	aeo/aeō; au/aū	-----	-----	am; aeam/aeōm	an; aen
Dual	-----	attar/adar	amar	amuror/amūrōr	auror/aūrōr
Trial	-----	atteiy/adei	ameiy/amei	amieiy/amiei	aureiy/aūrei
Plural	-----	atta/ada	ama	amie/amiā	aura/aūra

16. Epenthetic Vowel.

When a final consonant of one word meets an initial consonant of the following word in a phrase, Nauruan usually interposes an epenthetic vowel (a non-syllabic “schwa” vowel /ə/) between the two consonants if the combination of the two consonants is, as Rebecca Morley observed:

“sequences that are disallowed or dispreferred within the language.” (see her article “Consonant Epenthesis”, <https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com>)

The translators do not consistently show the epenthetic vowel, and when they do it can be represented by ‘e’ or ‘i’ or ‘o’ or ‘ō’.

So, In Example 5

‘an ima oniñ ia’, ‘the death of that child’, the ‘i’ in *‘ima’* represents an epenthetic vowel

In Example 8

‘A nimō nuaw’, ‘I must go’, the ‘ō’ in *‘nimō’* represents an epenthetic vowel

17. ‘oniñ, oning’.

Like most Nauruan words, a word may act as a verbal action or state, or as a noun.

‘oniñ, oning’ means ‘young, small’, but as a noun can either mean ‘child (not one’s own), or a youth’.

18. General Demonstrative Set, Singular Forms.

In the General Demonstrative Set, Singular Forms, the Simple forms do not appear to be used independently as demonstrative pronouns, rather they only act as post-nominal demonstrative adjectives and in addition are not used as relativizers (this is the case with all the Simple forms of demonstratives).

The General Demonstrative Singular set (apart from the Simple forms) are used as demonstrative pronouns, as demonstrative adjectives, and as relativizers, and the Medial forms can also have just the function of the equivalent of a definite article with a very weak demonstrative function (see *Nauru Grammar*, page 11).

When the General Demonstrative Singular set are used as relativizers, the spatial suffixes are usually absent, the exception being the Emphatic Medial form *'ñea, ngea'*.

Kayser makes this observation (NG63):

"The forms of the Demonstratives beginning with 'ña-' are used to denote Persons or things removed, absent, referred to, while the other forms beginning with: 'mų-, mi-, min-, mini-' are used to denote Persons or things present."

This observation is difficult to show from the written record, and is further complicated by Kayser's reference to the Emphatic forms (Kayser's *'ña-* demonstratives) as "nominative", while the other forms with suffixes are referred to as "accusative", and the Simple forms (Kayser's 'After the noun' demonstratives) are referred to as "nominative and accusative", terms usually associated with inflected languages such as Latin and German (see *Nauru Grammar*, page 31). There is some indication from the written record that new topics in a discourse are introduced with the Emphatic forms.

Where the simple (base) form of the demonstrative is used, it follows the noun and the noun does not have the absolute marker/nominal prefix attached to it.

In this study, when a demonstrative is used as a relativizer and the spatial suffix is absent, the interlinear gloss has + at the end of the gloss, i.e. E+ = Emphatic Singular form being used as a relativizer, E+P+ = Emphatic Plural form being used as a relativizer .

The General Demonstrative Singular set is used for both animate subjects and inanimate objects that are not assigned to a particular classifier.

Table 11. General Demonstrative Set, Singular Forms.

Proximity ↓	Form →	Simple Form	Emphatic Form (E)	Non-Emphatic Form (NEI) <i>min-</i>	Non-Emphatic Form (NEIII) <i>bit-</i>	Non-Emphatic Form (NEII) <i>mu-</i>
Proximal		une	ngune, ñune	mitune	bitune	Not used in Singular
		Augmented Simple Form	Augmented Emphatic Form	Syncopated Form	Syncopated Form	
		eune, iune	ngaeune, ñaiune	Unattested	tune	
Medial		(*una - Unattested) ia	ngea, ñea	mituna	(*bituna - Unattested)	Not used in Singular
		Augmented Simple Form	Augmented Emphatic Form	Syncopated Form	Syncopated Form	
		Unattested	Unattested	mita	bita	
Distal		uno	nguno, ñuno	mituno	bituno	Not used in Singular
		Augmented Simple Form	Augmented Emphatic Form	Syncopated Form	Syncopated Form	
		euno, iuno	ngaeuno, ñaiuno	Unattested	tuno	

For more information, see “Nauruan Demonstratives” by the present writer
(www.academia.edu/108407672).

19. ‘añög, angog’.

‘añög, angog’, ‘word, speech, message’, is the basic form of the noun.

When it is joined to the Nominal Prefix/Absolute Marker ‘e-’ is spelt variously:

eañög, ɛañög, eañög in Kayser’s 1915, 1917, and 1936 works

eñög, engog in the 1918 Bible and the 1976 New Testament.

It can be possessivized, and usually means ‘(word) about...’.

The form '*eñōgen, angogen*' can also represent '*añōg, angog*' followed by the Construct suffix. So, in Example 6, '*ōrai eñōgen votum*' is understood to represent '*ōrai gañōg in votum*', '*utter the word of an oath*'.

20. Adpositions.

Adpositions and adposition-like phrases (with the exception of '*ea, a*', '*to*', and compound adpositions based on incorporating '*ea, a*') take the possessive suffixes associated with Inalienable Possession (see Note 11).

Examples:

bwe dōg-, because of
animw-, on top of, atop of, over
atsin, atin, from it
atsin ia-, out of, from within
ea-, on
ean, by it (agency)
edōgen, on the side of, in the direction of
ia-, in, within
ian me-, in the sight of, before
ian obw-, in front of, before
ijōñ-, iyong-, beneath, below, under
ijugaga-, (in) between, (in) the middle/centre of
iruw-, irow-, behind, after
itañ-, alongside, by
itirūr-, by the side of
itūga-, ituga-, above, over
itūr-, itur-, by, by means of, through
iwugaga-, around, about, (in) the middle/centre of
mwimw-, in front of
tsin-, tin-, from

21. Denasalization.

Denasalization is the phonological process whereby a word final /n/ become /t/ in some environments.

It usually occurs before a high vowel.

It is usual:

- (a) before the Nominal Prefix/Absolute Marker '*e-, i-*'
- (b) before the Perfective Aspect Suffix '*en*'
- (c) before words with initial stressed high vowel

Examples:

Example 6, *ian + iow*, 'in peace' > *iat iow*

Example 7, *agen + etsin*, 'spouse of his/her sibling' > *aget etsin*

Example 24, *iat eo miow*, 'boldly, without fear'

Example 35, *ian ekereri*, 'in school' > *iat kereri* [sic, *iat ekereri*],

It is usually not present:

(a) before adpositions

(b) between compound adpositions

(c) before locative adverbs

(d) before the 3rd Person Singular Dependent Pronoun 'e'

22. 'ome'.

'ome' is the contraction of :

oija + a + me, give to me

23. Nominal Prefix/Absolute Marker.

The Nominal Prefix is 'e-'.

When the Nominal Prefix is followed by a vowel, the prefix and following vowel assume the shape of a diphthong in which the initial vowel is a non-syllabic vowel glide, i.e.:

e- + aňõg, *angog*, the word > *ẽaňõg*, *ẽangog*

e- + anakiwi, the coconut > *ẽanakiwi*

e- + oniň, *oning*, the child > *ẽoniň*, *ẽoning*

e- + arag, the sickness > *ẽarag*, *ẽarak*

When the Nominal Prefix is followed by a diphthong with an initial high vowel, the prefix and following diphthong assume the shape of non-syllabic high vowel glide followed by the diphthong, i.e.:

e- + eow, peace > *ẽeow* (usually written 'iow')

e- + eaõ, *eaw*, the light > *ẽeaõ*, *ẽeaw* (usually written 'iaõ', 'ieaw')

When the Nominal Prefix is followed by high vowel + consonant syllable, the Nominal Prefix is assimilated to the initial high vowel, i.e.:

e- + ān, een, the woman, the female > 'ān', 'een'

e- + eb, the land > 'eb'

When the Nominal Prefix is followed by a syllable of consonant + /i/, /ū/, /u/, the vowel is raised to 'i', i.e.:

ibūgibūgi, grass
ibūm, day, night
ibwija, excrement
imin, thing
iquin, nail, talon, claw
itsi, frigate bird
iū, iu, fish

There are a number of anomalies, where the Nominal Prefix is 'i-' instead of the expected 'e-', i.e.:

ibaka, evil, badness
ima, death
itema, the sign, mark
itouba, fishing rod

24. Unrealized Aspect Marker.

The Unrealized Aspect Marker is '*inan, nan*'. The forms '*inan, nan*' are interchangeable.

Typically, the Unrealized Aspect Marker is used for actions and states that are set in the future.

25. Equative Clause.

Nauruan does not have a linking verb (copula) so Equative Clauses juxtapose the two parts of the statement.

In Example 6, '*nan ei an wak God*', 'it will be the house of God', is an expansion of the Equative Clause

ei + an wak God = it + the house of God, i.e. it is the house of God

The 3rd Person Independent Pronoun can act as a reinforcer:

In Example 34, '*mumuönne eij mimuönna a pan a uw nenne*', 'this bunch is that bunch I spoke of it to you yesterday'

In Example 54, '*amea Demoniba ngea wam God eiy ngea wo nim adoreiy*', 'the Lord your God is the one you must worship'

Negative Equative Clauses are introduced by the portmanteau '*deõ/t'eo* [only + Negative particle]'.

Example 96, '*ina t'eo engen*', 'there is not its place'.

Example 347, '*d'eo ngabuna eo dogedog tuwen*', 'is is not those ones whose body is healthy

26. Relative Possessive Classifier.

There are two possessive classifiers used in Nauruan alienable possessive phrases:

with the base '*a-*'.

This general possessive classifier is used for objects in a relationship of outright possession or "ownership" (NG20); the Nauruan general possessive classifier '*a-*' seems to reflect Proto-Micronesian **aa*, 'own or acquire ownership of an alienable object' (Bender et al. 2003).

with the base '*wõ-, wa-*' (1918 Bible), '*wo-/wa-*' 1976).

This relative possessive classifier is used for "actual use of a thing, the permanent or transitory possession of a thing" (NG20)

The General Possessive Classifier is discussed in Note 15.

As explained in Note 11, objects which are considered as an integral part of human existence and cannot be separated from the person fall into the inalienable category.

Table 12. Relative Possessive Classifier.

Number	1 st person	1 st inclusive	1 st exclusive	2 nd person	3 rd person
Singular	wanga/ wonga/ waña	-----	-----	wam	wan/won/wõn; wanna/wõnõ
Dual	-----	warar/wōrar	wamar/ wōmar	wamuror/ wamūrōr	wongaror/ wōñarōr
Trial	-----	wareiy/warei	wameiy/wam ei	wamieiy/ wamiāi	wangareiy/ wañare
Plural	-----	wora/wara/ wōra	wama	wamie/wamiā	wangara/ wañara

— The Relative Possessive Classifier forms are used also as Possessive Pronouns (NG25). The 3rd Person Singular form 'wõnõ, wanna' is only used as a Possessive Pronoun.

27. Temporal Markers.

The Temporal Markers define the time at which an event occurs.

Table 13. Temporal Markers.

Degree of Proximity	Form
Proximal: 'at this time', 'now'	<i>ngage/ñage</i>
Medial: 'at that time', 'when (past occurrence)', 'then (past occurrence)'	<i>ngaga/ñaga</i>
Distal: 'at that time (more distant past)', 'when (more remote past occurrence)', 'then (more remote past occurrence)'	<i>ngago/ñago</i>

The underlying base is 'ag' with the Emphatic Prefix attached, and with appropriate spatial suffixes.

In both the 1918 Bible and the 1976 New Testament, where the temporal marker appears without an apparent spatial suffix (i.e. *ngag/ñag*), this appears to be an orthographical convention to indicate that 'ngaga/ñaga' TEMP+MED drops its final vowel before a following vowel, examples (and is represented in this study as TEMP+)

ñag ã eitsiõk Ge 1:1
ñag ar eitsiõk Ge 19:4
ñag e eitsiõk Ge 24:15
ñag A eitsiõk Ge 24:45
ñag e eitsiõk Ge 25:6
ñag eitsiõk Ge 29:8
ñag eitsiõk Ge 31:38
ñag e etistiõk Ge 37:18
ñag eitsiõk Ge 41:50
ñag A eitsiõk Ge 48:5
ñag eitsiõk Ex 1:19

28. Female Demonstrative Set, Singular Forms.

The forms originate from fusing the elements for ‘woman, female’ with the Simple Forms of the General Demonstratives.

When the demonstrative function is not in focus, these demonstratives (particularly the Medial form) can be rendered in English as ‘she’.

When placed before Proper Names, these demonstratives have little or no demonstrative function other than identifying the bearer of the name as being female.

This set of demonstratives is not used as relativizers.

Table 14. Female Demonstrative Set, Singular Forms.

egree of Proximity	Simple form	Syncopated Form	English gloss
Proximal	eitune, āitune etune	---	this female, the female here
Medial	eituna, āituna etuna	eita, āita eta	That female, the female there
Distal	eituno, āituno etuno	---	that female yonder

Possible origins to the fused form is suggested here:

Singular Proximal forms

en + eune > etune [in accordance with the Nauruan denasalization phonological process]

Singular Medial forms

*en + *euna > etuna [in accordance with the Nauruan denasalization phonological process]*

↓
etuna > eta [via syncope]

Singular Distal forms

en + euno > etuno [in accordance with the Nauruan denasalization phonological process]

OR

Proximal: *en*, female + *in*, Construct Suffix + *une*, Proximal Demonstrative, Simple Form

> *et + in + une > etin + une* [through denasalization]

> *etinune > etune* [syncope]

Medial: *en*, female + *in*, Construct Suffix + *una*, Proximal Demonstrative, Simple Form

> *et + in + una > etin + una* [through denasalization]

> *etinuna > etuna* [syncope]

> *etuna > eta* [syncope]

Distal: *en*, female + *in*, Construct Suffix + *uno*, Proximal Demonstrative, Simple Form

> *et + in + uno > etin + uno* [through denasalization]

> *etinuno > etuno* [syncope]

For more information, see "Nauruan Demonstratives" by the present writer (www.academia.edu/108407672).

29. Reduced Form of 3rd Person Dependent Pronouns.

The 3rd Person Dependent Pronouns appear sometimes as ‘ō’, ‘rō’. These are taken to be reduced forms.

So, in Example 7,

‘i tō kabōduw aŋe’, ‘pour out on the ground’

‘i tō’ is analysed as *ita* + *ō* (reduced form of 3rd Person Dependent Pronoun)

with *‘ita’* undergoing the usual vowel elision described in Notes 9 and 10

Further, when ‘me’ precedes a reduced form of the 3rd person dependent pronoun, it is written ‘mō’, as in Example 14,

‘mō rō kamararei Jesu’, ‘they conspired against Jesus’

30. ‘ateb’ Demonstrative (Secondary Singular Female Demonstrative).

The ‘ateb’ Demonstrative may well be the female counterpart to the ‘rar’ Demonstrative used for males (see “Nauruan Demonstratives”, Section 23, by the present writer), its use being in situations of endearment or close acquaintance (see Johnson 2002:52).

Like the other gender-specific demonstratives, it is not used as relativizer.

In Example 10, Moses is speaking of his own sister Miriam which would certainly indicate endearment, i.e.

‘bwa atibun[e] enim eō ekei ion ŋea ema’, ‘that she should not become (as) one who is dead’

The element ‘ateb’ fuses with the General Demonstrative: Simple, Singular forms.

Table 15. 'ateb' Demonstrative.

Proximity↓	Composition	Fused form
Proximal	ateb + une	atebune
Medial	ateb + ia	atebia
Distal	ateb + uno	atebuno

Like 'rar' Kayser lists 'ateb' in his table of Personal Pronouns with some function as 3rd person singular independent pronoun and objective pronoun (*Nauru Grammar* page 18).

31. 'eke'.

The verb 'eke' has a range of meanings in Nauruan:

make, cause to come about, manufacture
 use for, use as
 make oneself, become, act as
 hold as, consider as, regard as, take for
 make up in number

In Examples 6 and 10, 'ekei' is understood as being a contraction of 'eke + ei/eke + eiy', 'make oneself', the gender being determined by context, i.e.

Example 6, 'bwe enim ekei ijor', 'so that it should make itself/become/act as a pillar,'

Example 10, 'bwa atibun enim eō ekei ion ñea ema', so that she should not make herself/become/act as one who is dead'

Example 22, 'me eke eñan ðeōgidaen nanam', 'and use it as the place for the setting down of your feet', i.e. 'your footstool'.

32. General Demonstrative Set, Plural Forms.

Example 6, '*imin memak ñana wo oija ame*', 'all the things that you give to me', 'ñana' is the Medial Plural Form of the General Demonstrative Set.

Table 16. General Demonstrative, Plural Forms

Proximity ↓	Form →	Simple Form	Emphatic Form (E)	Non- Emphatic <i>min</i> - Form (NEI)	Non- Emphatic <i>mũ/mu</i> Form (NEII)	Non- Emphatic <i>bit</i> - Form (NEIII)
Proximal	ane		ngane, ñane	minane	mũñane, mungane	Not present
				Syncopated Form		
				mane		
Medial	ana		ngana, ñana	minana	mũñana, mungana	Not Present
				Syncopated Form		
				mana		
Distal	ano		ngano, ñano	minano	mũñano, mungano	Not present
				Syncopated Form		
				mano		

33. Applicative Suffix –ei/-eij/-eiy

The Applicative Suffix has several functions.

Some definitions of applicatives suffixes in other languages are

‘apply X to it’

(see: Martin Haspelmath, Susanne Maria Michaelis and the APiCS Consortium. 2013. Applicative constructions. In: Michaelis, Susanne Maria & Maurer, Philippe & Haspelmath, Martin & Huber, Magnus (eds.) The atlas of pidgin and creole language structures. Oxford University Press - see <https://wals.info/chapter/109>)

or

‘have X-ness applied’, ‘be subjected (by)’ (i.e. have X applied to ...)

(see: Jukes, Anthony. 2019. A Grammar of Makasar page 306, in “Grammars and Sketches of the World's Languages Vol 10”. Brill)

Examples:

(a) Expands a verb so that it can indicate the recipient of an action:

Example 12,

taramawir, ‘worship’ + *ei* > *taramawirei*, ‘worship someone/something’

Example 14,

kamarar, ‘think’ + *ei* >

kamararei, ‘apply thought to a matter, think out a matter, conspire’

(b) verbalizes other classes of words:

auju ‘eight’ + *eij*

> *aujueij* ‘make eight’, ‘apply eight to it’ NG173

ion ‘one (round) object’ + *eij*

> *ioneij* ‘make one round object’, ‘apply a round object to it’ NG173

oror ‘fence’ + *eij*

> *ororei* ‘to fence in’ NG173

35. Appositives.

An appositive is a noun that clarifies the identity of the immediately preceding phrase.

In Nauruan, appositives are introduced by a demonstrative, i.e.

reh^hgrda nenne ea^hamä ion, ^hnea Ititi NG204 ‘a man – Ititi – drifted away yesterday’

The Nauruan wording can equally be thought of as meaning, ‘a man, who is Ititi,’.

And so in Example 16, ‘*anga amea Gabriel*’, in English means ‘I, Gabriel,.....’ or, ‘I, the man Gabriel,’

In Example 54, ‘*amea Demoniba ngea wam God*’, ‘the Lord your God’

36. Male Demonstrative Set, Singular Forms.

The forms originate from fusing the elements for ‘man, male’ with the Simple Forms of the General Demonstratives.

When the demonstrative function is not in focus, these demonstratives (particularly the Medial form) can be rendered in English as ‘he’.

When placed before Proper Names, these demonstratives have little or no demonstrative function other than identifying the bearer of the name as being male.

This set of demonstratives is not used as relativizers.

So, in Example 16,

‘anga amea Gabriel, ngea oreita oeiyo ian men God’,

can be understood as ‘I, Gabriel, the one who is standing in the sight of God’

or as

‘I, the man Gabriel, who is standing in the sight of God’

In both cases ‘*amea*’, ‘that man’ has little or no demonstrative function other than identifying an appositive noun as being male.

Table 17. Male Demonstrative Set, Singular Forms.

Degree of Proximity	Simple form	Syncopated Form	English gloss
Proximal	ametune	amune	this male here
Medial	[*ametuna, not attested]	ameta	that male there
		Syncopated form	
		amea	
Distal	ametuno	amuno	that male yonder

Possible origins to the fused form is suggested here:

Proximal

amen + eune > ametune [in accordance with the Nauruan denasalization phonological process]
 ↓
amune [via syncopation]

Medial

*amen + *euna > *ametuna [in accordance with the Nauruan denasalization phonological process]*
 ↓
ameta [via syncopation]
 ↓
amea [via syncopation]

Distal forms

amen + euno > ametuno [in accordance with the Nauruan denasalization phonological process]
 ↓
amuno [via syncopation]

OR

Proximal

amen + in + une > ametin une [in accordance with the Nauruan denasalization phonological process]
 ↓
ametune [via syncopation]
 ↓
amune [via syncopation]

Medial

amen + in + una > ametin una [in accordance with the Nauruan denasalization phonological process]
 ↓
ametuna [via syncopation]
 ↓
ameta [via syncopation]
 ↓
amea [via syncopation]

Distal

amen + in + uno > ametin uno [in accordance with the Nauruan denasalization phonological process]
 ↓
ametuno [via syncopation]
 ↓
amuno [via syncopation]

37. 3rd Person Default.

When a verb (or a verb preceded by an aspect marker or a pre-verbal adverb or conjunction) is at the head of a verb phrase, and has no overt person maker, it is by default 3rd Person, and unless indicated by context or otherwise, the default is Male third person.

So, in Example 17,

'ngagan obodien [sic; obidien] anga me oiyoten anga', 'therefore, he has already anointed me and sent me'

At times the translators overcompensate by putting a 'ghost' vowel to indicate it is a 3rd Person actor.

38. Perfective Aspect Suffix '-en'.

When a verb is modified by the Perfective Aspect Suffix '-en', there are several syntactic results:

a. it is fronted to the head of the clause, and it is by default 3rd Person unless indicated by context or otherwise; and the default is Male third person.

b. in many instances, the Perfective Aspect Suffix appears in the form '-ien'

Example 17, *'obodien [sic; obidien]*' 'already anointed'

Example 37, *'mwitien añõg-*' 'already judge'

Example 38, *'õbüien'*, 'already take'

c. words ending in /n/ undergo denasalization when the Perfective Aspect Suffix modifies the verb.

So, in Example 17,

oiyon, 'to send' + *-en* > *oiyoten*

39. Uses of the Independent Personal Pronouns.

- (a) The Independent Personal Pronouns are used for emphasis or focus both in the role of actor and in the role of recipient of a verbal action.

Example 17, '*obidien* anga me oiyoten anga', 'already anointed me and sent me'.

Example 19, '*amunuwe awe idu*', 'you here, you my brother!'

Example 25, '*bwe a nim eadida ura*' = 'so that I should loosen/release them'.

Example 37, '*bwi ta awe*', 'except you'

Example 48, '*eogiten oereri an on awe*', 'one had instructed you by it / you had been instructed by it'.

Example 135, '*amie mwang ouge ngana...*', 'you yourself say that...'

Example 172, '*ta amuror mwar onga mwimurur*', 'the two of you agreed'.

Example 188, '*bue eij e nüm...*'. 'in order that he, he should...'

Example 217, '*atta bet ngatta ang um totow timorita*', 'we, we ourselves ought to give our lives'

- (b) The Independent Personal Pronouns are used in the role of recipient of a verbal action with dispreferred or ambiguous sound sequences.

Example 307, '*eõ totow auwe...õraijedu auwe*', 'not give you...cast you'

- (c) The Independent 3rd Person non-singular forms are used as as reinforcers in Equative clauses (see Note 25).

Example 34, '*mumuõnne eij mimuõnna a pan a uw nenne*', 'this bunch is that bunch I spoke of it to you yesterday'.

- (d) Contemporary Nauruan often uses the Independent Pronouns instead of the Dependent Pronouns, i.e.

Example 224, '*iken ata nim riring*', 'what must we do'

40. Animate Demonstrative Set, Plural Forms.

The Animate Demonstrative Set is formed from the fusion of the demonstrative prefixes plus a plural animate marker, *'būn, bun'* plus the spatial suffixes.

In Example 17, we see its use as a relativizer,

'nim oraiya ngabuna ro kananoang angoget evangelium', 'should speak forth to those ones who are pitiable about the gospel'

and

'omwamwo burioura ngabuna re meg in raroe', 'mend the hearts of those ones who are in distress'

Table 17. Animate Demonstrative Set, Plural Forms.

Proximity ↓	Form →	Simple Form	Emphatic Form (E)	Non-Emphatic <i>min</i> - Form (NEI)	Non-Emphatic <i>mu</i> - Form (NEII)
Proximal		bune būne bine	ngabune ñabūne	minibune minibūne mibune	mubune mūbūne
Medial		buna būna bina	ngabuna ñabūna	minibuna minibūna mibuna	mubuna mūbūna
Distal		buno būno bino	ngabuno ñabūno	minibuno minibūno mibuno	mubuno mūbūno

41. Direct Address (Vocative) Demonstratives.

In Example 19, '*amunuwe awe idu*', 'you here, my brother!', '*amunuwe*' is the direct address (vocative) form of the demonstrative, 'you, male!', literally: 'you male! you my sibling'.

Table 19. Fused Forms of Direct Address (Vocative) Demonstratives (Singular).

Addressee	Composition		
	Demonstrative	Independent Personal Pronoun	
Male addressed	amune	awe, auwe	amunuwe
Female addressed	etune, eitune, ãitune	awe, auwe	etunuwe, eitunuwe, ãitunuwe
Not gender specific	une	awe, auwe	unuwe

If a personal name is involved, '*amunuwe*' and '*etunuwe*' stand at the head of the phrase, '*unuwe*' stands after the person name.

There are other combinations for two, three, or four addressees.

Example 24, '*ediedu buna kamie!*', 'my brothers!'

When the party addresses is more than four persons, the appropriate animate demonstrative plural is used usually in conjunction with the 2nd Person Plural Objective Pronoun '*kamie/gamiã*'.

For more information, see "Nauruan Demonstratives" by the present writer (www.academia.edu/108407672).

42. Nauruan Classifiers.

The Nauruan classifier system in the early part of the 20th Century consisted of at least 36 classifiers, and the incorporation of classifiers into the demonstrative, numeral and other systems of Nauruan had taken place.

Table 20. Table of Classifiers.

Classifier Number (<i>Nauru Grammar</i> Classifier number in brackets)	Classifier (form and meaning)
1[16]	ae [a'æ] piece of flat things, patches. Not elicited by Johnson 2002. Kayser "to define pieces of flat things in general". Hambruch "pieces split lengthwise [längsgeteilte Stücke]".
2[17]	baño/bango [baŋo] part of a long object. Not elicited by Johnson 2002. Kayser 1936 "to define longish stiff parts of an object". Hambruch "pieces split across [quergeteilte Stücke]".
3[8]	be [be] coconut palm frond. Johnson (2002:180) indicates some usage among the pre-1970s generations, though its usage has spread to other leaves, showing a blurring of its original meaning being conflated with <i>ire</i> classifier domain.
4[10]	bōke/boge [b'əge] body of fresh water. Not elicited by Johnson (2002). Kayser "fresh-water pits, ponds, pools". Hambruch "bodies of sweet-water, wells" [Süß-Wasserplätze, Brünnen]

5[11]	<p>būmi/bumi [bimi]</p> <p>Johnson (2002:181,182) shows a continued use of this classifier with older informants.</p> <p>Kayser “nights/24 hour day”</p> <p>Hambruch “days, nights, time periods” [Tage, Nächte, Zeitabschnitte]</p>
6[32]	<p>b^were [bwere]</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002:185).</p> <p>Kayser “contents of baskets, bags etc”</p> <p>Hambruch “baskets, with and without contents” [Körbe (mit und ohne Inhalt)]</p>
7[18/19]	<p>bwetsi/bweti~ mwetsi/mweti [bweit^si~bwei3i/ mweit^si~mwei3i]</p> <p>Kayser “long and flexible objects”</p> <p>An alternate form ‘buäiji~muäiji’ appears in the distributive numeral series in <i>Nauru Grammar</i> and is specified as enumerating “slings (used in frigate bird hunting)”. It is suggested here that <i>mweti</i> was the original form, the <i>bweti</i> form being the result of an ongoing phonological process of pre-stopping [m- > ^bm- > b-]; the resultant form <i>bweti</i> continued in use alongside <i>mweti</i> and had overtaken it in frequency at the time the colonial period began.</p> <p>Johnson (2002) indicates some usage among older generations for the <i>bwe</i>- forms but the <i>mwe</i>- forms were not elicited .</p> <p>Hambruch “ garlands, chains, string” [Kränze, Ketten, Schnüre]</p>
8[34]	<p>dume [duume]</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002)</p> <p>Kayser “contents of wrappings, packets etc”</p>
9[20]	<p>ea [e^læ]</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002)</p> <p>Kayser “four parts into which a fish is usually cut up”</p>
10[15]	<p>ebe/äbe [ebe]</p> <p>In use.</p> <p>Kayser “land”</p> <p>Hambruch “ plots of land [Landstücke]</p>
11[7]	<p>eiji/eiyi [e3i]</p> <p>In use.</p> <p>Kayser “words”</p>

12[5]	<p>eo [e'o]</p> <p>trough-shaped objects like the traditional canoe – and by extension other craft, vehicles, planes.</p> <p>Johnson 2002 indicates some usage among older generations.</p> <p>Kayser “trough-shaped objects”</p> <p>Hambruch “boats, large bowls with contents” [Boote, große Eß schüsseln mit Inhalt]</p>
13[12]	<p>ga [gʌ] reef fissures</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002)</p> <p>Kayser “fissures on the edge of the reef, passages for canoes”</p> <p>Hambruch “reef passages” [Riffpassagen]</p>
14[24]	<p>ga [gæ]</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002)</p> <p>Kayser “bundles of coconut shells prepared for handling water”</p> <p>Hambruch “ customary bundling of things like bowls, vessels” [Bündel, künstliche (Schalen, Gefäße)]</p>
15[13]	<p>ime [ime]</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002)</p> <p>Kayser “sheltering roofs, protecting coverings”</p>
16[38]	<p>in [i'in]</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002)</p> <p>contents of coconut-fibre wrappings of scraped coconut”</p>
17[35]	<p>ine [iine]</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002)</p> <p>Kayser “contents of leaves wrapped up in paperbag form”</p> <p>Hambruch “mats full of fish” [Matten mit Fischen gefüllt]</p>
18[14]	<p>ire [ire]</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002)</p> <p>Kayser “single hairs, fibres, feathers, leaves”</p> <p>Hambruch “leaves, feathers” [Blätter, Federn]</p>
19[36]	<p>iwi [iwi]</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002)</p> <p>Kayser “contents of fishing nets”</p>

20[21]	<p>ke/kä [ke]</p> <p>Some usage, Johnson (2002)</p> <p>Kayser “very small parts of a thing”</p> <p>Hambruch “diminutive form” [Diminutivform]</p>
21[4]	<p>mae [m^hai]</p> <p>long rigid objects</p> <p>Johnson (2002) indicates usage among older generations</p> <p>Kayser “lengthy objects”</p> <p>Also used figuratively for groupings, parts, parties – see Kayser <i>Nauru Grammar</i> p.40)</p> <p>Hambruch “long, large objects” L[ange, große Gegenstände]</p>
22[25]	<p>mage [mʌge]</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002)</p> <p>Kayser “groups”</p>
23[22]	<p>mwari [m^wʌr^hi]</p> <p>Johnson (2002:183) indicates some usage among older generations</p> <p>Kayser “larger pieces of a thing”</p> <p>Hambruch “part-cut, broken-up pieces like tobacco (Tobacco in early colonials days was sold either in large cakes, or in long cables), parcels of land” [Beliebig zerteilte, zerbrochene Stücke (Tabak, Lansparzellen)]</p>
24[26]	<p>mwe/mwo [m^wə]</p> <p>fruits growing in clusters</p> <p>Kayser “clustery or syncarpous fruits”</p> <p>Hambruch “naturally occurring bunches (coconuts, bananas)” [Bündel, natürliche (Kokosnuß, Bananen)]</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson 2002 though in her study she mentions that this classifier is present in the draft-dictionary of the Department of Education (2002:188).</p>
25[31]	<p>mweiyi [m^weiʒi]</p> <p>heaps of excrement</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002)</p> <p>Hambruch “mounds of human waste” [Kothaufen]</p>
26[27]	<p>ñe/nge [ŋe]</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002)</p> <p>Kayser “kinds, species”</p> <p>Hambruch “groups of living beings, families, clans, schools of fish, swarms of birds” [Gruppen lebender Wesen, Familien, Sippen, Fisch-, Vogel- schwärme]</p>

27[6]	<p>oe/oä [o^we]</p> <p>plants, vegetation</p> <p>Some usage noted in Johnson 2002 but there is also some evidence from her informants suggesting CL12 eo and CL27 oe have become somewhat confused (Johnson 2002 :178,179).</p> <p>Kayser “plants, stands for frigatebirds”</p> <p>Hambruch “ plants, flowers, trees, fruit-bearing shrubs” [Pflanzen, Blumen, Bäume, Sträucher (fruchttragend)]</p>
28[37]	<p>pañi/pangi [paŋi]</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002)</p> <p>Kayser “content of hollows in the reef”</p>
29[30]	<p>powi [po^wi]</p> <p>Kayser “heaps and collections of objects”; also used figuratively for groups of people (see NG40).</p> <p>Johnson (2002) indicates some usage among older generations</p> <p>Hambruch “heaps, groups, accumulations” [Haufen, Mengen, Anhäufungen]</p>
30[3]	<p>ra [r^hæ]</p> <p>objects conceived of as presenting a flat surface</p> <p>Johnson (2002:172-175) indicates this classifier is still in use</p> <p>Kayser “flat objects”</p> <p>Hambruch “mats, knives, empty drinking bowls” [Matten, Messer, leere Trinkschalen]</p>
31[28]	<p>re/rä [rre]</p> <p>rows/strings of objects; words in a row (as in a paragraph), though individual words are used with CL11 [7]</p> <p>Some usage.</p> <p>Kayser “rows, strings of objects”</p> <p>Hambruch “customary bundling of things like breadfruit, individual coconuts, fish” [Bündel, künstliche (Brotfrüchte, eigene Kokosnüsse, Fische)]</p>
32[29]	<p>dete/tete [rere]</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002)</p> <p>Kayser “layers, pedigrees, generations”</p> <p>Hambruch “generations” [Generationen]</p>
33[9]	<p>wa [wa]</p> <p>Not elicited by Johnson (2002)</p> <p>Kayser “sinews, bands, long flexible objects”</p> <p>Hambruch “unwound tobacco ropes, octopus tentacles” [Abgewickelte Streifen (z.B. von Tabak), Oktopusfüße]</p>

34[33]	wime [wiime] Not elicited by Johnson (2002) Kayser “contents of small fish baskets” for small fish
35[23]	wōri/wori [wɔri] Johnson reports continued use (2002) Kayser “number of times” Hambruch “multiplication, times” [Vervielfältigung, Mal]
36[39]	wūri/wuri [wiri] content of open-mouthed receptacle contents of receptacles like a bowl, glass, open mouthed containers, but not storage vessels (bottles, etc.). This classifier only applies if a substance is in an open container ready to be consumed, but not in a closed container for storage. Johnson (2002:185-187) indicates continued use among pre-1970s generation Kayser “contents of vessels”. Also used figuratively for membership (of clubs, congregations) (see NG40) Hambruch “drinking bowls, small bowls” [Trinkschalen, kleine Eßschüsseln]

Kayser’s *Nauru Grammar* lists 39 “categories”, i.e. classifiers (see NG8-10).

These have been re-arranged to a largely alphabetic sequence in the present study.
His number of “categories” has been reduced to 36 classifiers by the following steps:

- (a) His “*lifeless*” category 1 has been removed as there is no “*lifeless*” classifier connected to the demonstrative system.
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- (b) his “*living beings*” category 2 has been removed. ‘*amen*’ with the meaning ‘*living beings*’, was an early ‘*animate*’ marker, but at a later time was re-analyzed as ‘*male*’ and was re-incorporated into the demonstrative system with that meaning to produce the Male Demonstratives as well as fusing with pre-existing earlier fused Animate Demonstrative Numerals to produce Male Demonstrative Numerals. In addition, there are other markers for ‘*living beings*’, male and female, and there is a plural animate marker for ‘*living beings*’, ‘*bun*’.
 - (c) his “*caterogies*” 18 and 19 are doublets of the same classifier, and have been re-analyzed as one classifier.

Table 21. Classifier Number Equivalency Table Kayser and Williams

K	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1 0	1 1	1 2	1 3	1 4	1 5	1 6	1 7	1 8	1 9	2 0	2 1	2 2	2 3	2 4	2 5	2 6	2 7	2 8	
W	3 0	2 1	1 2	2 7	1 1	3	3 3	4	5	1 3	1 3	1 5	1 8	1 0	1 1	1 2	1 7	7	9	2 0	2 3	1 5	2 4	2 2	2 4	2 6	2 3
K	2 9	3 0	3 1	3 2	3 3	3 4	3 5	3 6	3 7	3 8	3 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
W	3 2	2 9	2 5	6 3	3 4	8	1 7	1 9	2 1	1 6	3 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

In the re-analyzed listing of the 36 classifiers, each classifier is assigned a shorthand reference, i.e. CL1 (classifier number one) . The number in square brackets is the classifier (“category”) number as found in Kayser’s *Nauru Grammar* for ease of reference. The phonetic realization is as given by Maggie Jacobs – a Nauruan academic – to Lisa Johnson (see Johnson 2002).

43. Classificatory Demonstratives.

As with the General Demonstrative system, there are several sets:

1. Simple (or Base) Form (no prefixes)
2. Emphatic Form (*ña/nga* prefix)
3. *min-* Non-Emphatic Form (in this study abbreviated to NEI)
4. *mu-* Non-Emphatic Form (in this study abbreviated to NEII)

For a fuller discussion see “Nauruan Demonstratives” (www.academia.edu/108407672) by the present writer .

44. Classifier 20[21].

In Example 19, ‘*ngakena*’ , ‘that small part (of something) there’, is the medial emphatic form of the demonstrative for Classifier 20[21] ‘*ke*’, ‘small part’.

‘*eken*’, the Indefinite Determiner for Classifier 20[21] ‘*ke*’, ‘a small part; a bit’.

In Example 128, ‘*bwe enim ebueow eb eken*’, ‘should put out a little from the land’, literally: ‘should be short toward land a little’.]

In Example 92, ‘*omo aw eken*’, ‘it is better for you’, ‘*eken*’ is the Indefinite Determiner for. However, when used with a verb it equates to the English comparative degree.

45. Classifier 27[6].

In Example 19, *'oeren oene'*, 'this splinter here', *'oene'*, 'this object of belonging to Classifier 27[6]', is the proximal simple form of the demonstrative for the classifier *'ōe, oe'*, 'plants, vegetation'.

In Example 167, *'muäna'*, 'that (tree)', *'muäna'* is the medial non-emphatic II form for the Demonstrative for Classifier 27[6].

Table 22. Demonstratives for Classifier 27[6], *'ōe, oä, oe'*, 'plants, vegetation'.

27(6)	ōe/oä [o ^w e] plants, vegetation	Proximal	oene	ngaoene/ngoene	minoene	muoene/muene/ muwene
		Medial	oena	ngaoena/ngoena	minoena	muoena/muena/ muwena
		Distal	oeno	ngaoeno/ngoeno	minoeno	muoeno/mueno/ muweno

46. Temporal Marker used as a conjunction.

In Example 19 the Temporal Marker *'ngaga'*, 'at that time, then, when' seems to be better translated into an English conjunction as it is consequential to a previous action.

47. Classifier 21[4].

In Example 19, *'ngamana edabwike'*, 'that timber, that piece of wood'. *'ngamana'*, 'that object belonging to Classifier 21[4]', is the medial emphatic form of the demonstrative for the classifier *'ma'*, 'long rigid objects'.

In Example 92, *'bwabwaituwom aimae'*, 'one body member', *'aimae'* is the Classificatory Numeral for 'one' for the Classifier 21[4], *'ma'*, 'long rigid objects'.

48. Classificatory Indefinite Determiner.

Apart from the General Indefinite Determiner used for animate nouns and nouns not assigned to a classifier - i.e. *'ion'* [ɪon, jon, jon] - the Indefinite Determiners for the various classifiers follow a regular pattern, i.e.

Prefix *e-* + Classifier + Suffix *-n*

49. Classifier 10[15].

In Example 21, '*eb eben*', 'a piece of land', '*eben*' is the Indefinite Determiner for Classifier 10[15], '*eb*', 'piece of land'.

50. Regressive Assimilation final /n/ to /t,d/.

In Example 21 the final /n/ of '*ean*' is assimilated to the initial dental on the following word, So, in Example 21,

ean + damarũmũ > *eat damarũmũ*

51. Gerundive.

The Gerundive produces a passive verbal noun, i.e.:

'buõk/buog', 'to assist, to help' > *buogãö* NG26 my being helped; that by which I am helped;
the assisting (of) me

In Example 22, '*õeõgidaen*', 'his/her/its being set down/placed/put', 'the setting him/her/it' down, is the 3rd person singular gerundive of the verb '*õeõgida*', 'to set down, to place, to put'. In Example 22 it is used to form a possessivized compound noun phrase to compensate for a Judeo-Christian concept/object unknown to Nauruan culture, i.e. :

'eñan õeõgidaen nanam', 'the place for the setting down of your feet' = 'your footstool'

Table 23. Gerundive suffixes.

		Singular	Dual	Trial	Plural
1 st Person		eõ -eo -ãö			
1 st person	inclusive		-edar -etar -ãtar	-edei -eteiy -ãteij	-eda -eta -ãta
	exclusive		-emar -ãmar	-emei -emeiy -ãmeij	-ema -ãma
2 nd person		-em -ãm	-emũrõr -emuror -ãmũrõr	-emie -emieiy -ãmiej	-emiã -emie -ãmie
3 rd person		-en -ãn	-eõrõr -eoror -ãõrõr	-eõrei -eoreiy -ãõreij	-eõra -eora -ãõra

52. Mutual Familial Relationship.

Nauruan constructs verbs expressing a mutual family relationship based on the 3rd Person Singular Possessive form of kinship/family relation nouns with the secondary Applicative Suffix ‘-i’.

Expanded forms (by use of Reduplication, the Causative and Factitive prefixes, and the Applicative suffix), can also have figurative meanings (see NG176, 177).

Example:

In Example 23, ‘*edetsini*’, is an example of a mutual family relationship verb. Its formation is as follows:

‘*edū/edu, edūm/edum, etsin/etin/edin*’, ‘my sibling, your sibling, his/her sibling’.

The 3rd Person Singular Possessive form ‘*etsin*’ can be expanded by the addition of the Applicative Suffix ‘-i’ (APPL2), to form the verb ‘*etsini*’, ‘be in the relationship of brothers or sisters of the same tribe [clan]’.

‘*etsini*’ can be reduplicated to indicate a number of person involved in the relationship:

‘*etsini*’ > ‘*edetsini*’.

Examples of its use as a verb:

ama edetsini ñabūna waea ma arumen Ge 42:13 we are twelve brothers
e āt eñame arumen ar etsini Matt 4:18 he saw two men who were brothers
e tik ātiet eñame arumen ar etsini Matt 4:21 he then saw again two men who were brothers
me eedien tuk engame arumen or eidini Matt 1976 4:21 and he saw the two other men who were brothers
aeiu eman ñago re edetsini Lu 20:29 there were in the past seven men who were brothers
ogen, etimine ngago engame aei ngabuna re eidini Lu 20:29 1976 so, there were once seven men who were brothers

As a noun:

eediet engame arumen eidini Matt 4:18 he then saw two men who were brothers

In the Christian faith, the bond of brotherhood is expressed by the reduplicated mutual relationship forms, and are used not solely as a verb, but as a noun.

As a verb:

ma ediedini NG177 we are Christian brothers; we are members of the same society/body

ma [sic; mwa] ediedini NG178 you are brothers

amwa edetsini, ma adag amwa gagaijen gamiã? Ac 7:26 you are in a relationship as brothers, why are you at enmity with each other?

As a noun:

edetsini eman ãa edetsini ãn iõ ãga 1Co 7:15 brothers and sisters

amebũna gamiã edetsini Ac 28:17 you brothers!

amwaim auwawã gamiã ian aũra auwawã edetsini Ro 12:10 love each other with the constant love of brothers

eo kwor amea ngea ediedini oa eita ediedini ia ouga nuwawit imin 1Co 7:15 our brother or our sister is not bound if things are like that

edetsini memak ñabũn itũrũ Ga 1:2 and all the brothers that are with me

53. Classifier 5[11].

In Example 23, '*ñabũmine*', 'this day, to-day', is the proximal emphatic form of the demonstrative for the classifier 5[11] '*bũm, bũmi-*', '24 hour day, night'.

In Example 31, '*muijibumina*', 'those three days there', is the medial non-emphatic II form of the demonstrative for the classifier 5[11] '*bũm, bũmi-*', '24 hour day, night', for the number 'three'.

In Example 82, '*abũmin aeiũ*', 'seven days', '*abũmin*' is the Numeral Particle for Classifier 5[11]. The numeral particle is used where there is no fused form of the classificatory numeral.

In Example 169, '*aibũmin*', is the Classificatory Numeral for the Classifier 5[11], 'one day'.

54. Classifier 30[3].

In Example 24, '*murana baein amea*', 'that tomb of his', '*murana*', 'object of Classifier 30[3]', is the medial non-emphatic II form of the demonstrative for Classifier 30[3] '*ra*', 'objects presenting a flat surface' to which classifier the noun '*ebae*', 'tomb' is assigned.

In Example 122, '*ipudutũbwit eran*', '*eran*' is the Indefinite Determiner for Classifier 30[3].

In Example 138, '*ngarana*' is the medial emphatic form of the Demonstrative, because of its antecedent ('gate' being grouped in Classifier 30[3]).

In Example 139, '*murana bem*', 'your hand, that hand of yours', '*murana*' is the medial non-emphatic II form of the demonstrative, 'hand' being grouped in Classifier 30[3].

55. Emphatic Personal Pronouns.

The Emphatic Personal Pronouns are formed by adding the Emphatic Prefix 'ña-, nga-' to the Independent Personal Pronouns, although this is masked with the 1st Person Singular Emphatic form which seems to have undergone simplification, i.e.

nga- + anga > nganga > nanga

As with the Independent Personal Pronouns, they are used for emphasis.

Example 27, '*me wo re ame nanga*' = '*but you come to me*'

Example 123, '*annum ngawe*'. 'your own spirit'.

Example 166, '*bwe ngam amar ta tueb on kamar ngamar*', 'lest we trust in ourselves'.

Example 217, '*atta bet ngatta ang um totow timorita*', 'we, we ourselves ought to give our lives'

Example 253, '*ekegen ngea amaim riring ngama?*', what must we do?

56. Female Demonstrative Numeral.

In Example 33, '*ärumen[a]*', 'those two females, those two women', is the medial form of the female demonstrative numeral for 'two'.

The Female Demonstrative Numeral is composed of fusing the marker for 'female', '*en*', to the pre-existing fused Animate Numeral set based on '*amen*', living being'.

When a mixed gender group has one or more females in it, the female demonstratives take precedence and cover such groupings. Hence its use in Example 33:

'*wo nüm auwä ärumen [sic] innöm me töñüm*', 'you must love those two, your mother and your father'

Table 22. Female Demonstrative Numeral.

Number	Proximity	End Form	Syncopated Form
Two females	Proximal	eirumene ãirumene erumene	None
	Medial	eirumena ãirumena erumenea	None
	Distal	eirumeno ãirumeno erumeno	None
Three females	Proximal	etiyimene ãitsijimene etijimene	etimene ãitsimene
	Medial	etiyimena ãitsijimena etijimena	etimena ãitsimena
	Distal	etiyimeno ãitsijimeno etijimeno	etimeno ãitsimeno

The origin of these forms, as stated previously, is by fusing the ‘female’ element ‘*en*’ to the pre-existing fused forms of the animate demonstrative numeral, i.e. :

en + rumene > erumene [Nauruan rhotic regressive assimilation process], and so with medial and distal forms

en + iyimene

↓

etiyimene [Nauruan denasalization process] , and so with medial and distal forms

↓

etimene [syncope]

For more information, see “Nauruan Demonstratives” by the present writer (www.academia.edu/108407672).

57. Classifier 24[26].

In Example 34, '*mumuönne*' and '*mimuönna*' are the proximal non-emphatic II form and the distal non-emphatic I form of the demonstrative set for Classifier 24[26] '*mwe, muö*', 'fruits growing in clusters, bunches'

So, '*mumuönne eij mimuönna a pan a uw nenne*', 'this bunch is that bunch I spoke to you of it yesterday'

58. Denasalization triggered by the Perfective Aspect Suffix '-en'.

Words ending in /n/ undergo denasalization when the Perfective Aspect Suffix modifies the verb.

Example 17, *oiyon*, 'to send' + *-en* > *oiyoten*

Example 56, *opudu* + *-n Directional Suffix DIR8* + *-en* > *opuduten*

59. Existential Clauses.

The Nauruan Existential Clause uses the verb '*tsimine/timine*', 'to exist', for positive clauses, and the verb '*eko*', 'be not' for negative clause.

So, in Example 37, '*eko eratequö ine*', 'there is no stranger here'.

60. 'to have' Constructions.

Nauruan does not have a verb 'to have', so various constructions are used.

In Example 126, '*ngea aro won coat*', 'the one who has two coats', literally: 'the one who two his coats'.

Nauruan uses an existential clause (Note 59) '*etimine turin*', 'there is by/with him'; '*eko turin*', 'there is not by/with him', 'he does not have'

Example 126, '*ngea etimine bwait iyeiyi turin*', 'the one who has foodstuffs', literally: 'the one who there exists foodstuffs with him'.

Example 280, '*etsimine waion Ñait eñame*', 'the Son of Man has authority'

In Example 43, '*ñag eko itürin*', since he has nothing.

In Example 126, '*amea ngea ekeow wona ion*', 'that man who does not have one of his own'.

61. *bwe* and *ngana* after mental verbs and verbs of recording.

Both *bwe* and *ngana* appear as conjunctions after mental verbs and verbs of recording.

In Marshallese there are two conjunctions used ('ke' and 'bwe') which are used according to the following matrix:

Table 25. Parameters for usage of Marshallese conjunctions 'bwe' and 'ke' (adapted from Heather Willson's 'The Marshallese Complementizer Phrase', 2002).

'bwe' Reportive Complementizer	'ke' Presuppositional Complementizer
A speaker uses a reportive complementizer when indirectly quoting an utterance or a mental process of him/herself or of someone else. The truth of this indirect quotation is not certain.	A speaker uses a presuppositional complementizer when the information in the embedded clause is considered "old" or something the speaker already knows to be true.

Examples showing the overlap between the 1918 Bible and the 1976 New Testament. As a general observation, the conjunction 'bwe' is far more common with mental and recording verbs in the 1918 Bible.

Table 26. Overlap in usage of 'bwe' and 'ngana' with Nauruan mental and recording verbs 1918 Bible versus 1976 New Testament.

1918 Bible	1976 New Testament
bwa amwaim tsiet bwe etsimine waion Ñait eñame eat eb in etad dūra Matt 9:6 but you should know that the Son of Man has authority on earth for the forgiving [of] sins	bwe mwaim tied ngana etimine oeon amea Ngait angame eow eat eb bwe nim ead idura Matt 9:6 1976 but you should know that the Son of Man has authority on earth that he may forgive sin

amwa tsiet bwe wañara temoniba heiden ri ta moniba eara Matt 20:25 you know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over over them	mwa ogiten tied ngana amebuna monibait engame re earangameiy engame Matt 20:25 1976 you have known that the rulers of the peoples they are harsh with the people
ama tsiet bwa auwe iduwen Matt 22:16 we know that you are true [truthful]	ama ogiten tied ngana wo pwat iduwen Matt 22:16 1976 we have known that you speak the truth
amwa tsiet bwe etüreten naga ibūm in kūñijow Matt 24:32 you know that the day of heat is about to draw near	mwa tidien ngaga ngana etureten bita edae in kungiyow Matt 24:32 1976 you already know that the time of heat is now drawing near
bwa A tsiet bwa amwar ðni Jesu Matt 28:5 for I know that you two look for Jesus	a ogiten tied ngana mwar oreit onani amea Jesus Matt 28:5 1976 I have known that you two are looking for Jesus
ñaga Pharisäer rō kaiōt bwō ð ðepojien mwin amebūna Sadducäer, re ebwepon Matt 22:34 when the Pharisees heard that he had shut the mouths of the Saducees, they then gathered together	amebuna pharisea ngaga ro kaiyot ngana dimwa-woten mura ngabuna Sadducea, me re epwepwon Matt 22:34 1976 those Pharisees, when they heard that he had completely shut the mouth of the Saducees, they gathered together
ñag ð kaiōt bwe ei Jesu dei Nazareth, a aeuwak Mark 10:47 when he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he cried out	ngaga amea kaiyot ngana ei amea Jesus in Nazareth me yeida me kuridaw ituga Mark 10:47 1976 when the man heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he started and cried out

There are fewer instances where the 1918 Bible and the 1976 New Testament agree on the relativizer:

Table 27. Agreement in usage of 'bwe' and 'ngana' with Nauruan mental and recording verbs 1918 Bible versus 1976 New Testament.

1918 Bible	1976 New Testament
wo tsiet ñana Pharisäer ra ariwan ñaga rō kaiōt mūñana eñōg? Matt 15:12 you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard those words?	wo tied ayok ngana egirowen ngabuna pharisea ngaga ro kaiyot mineiyina aem? Matt 15:12 1976 do you not know that the Pharisees have got angry when they heard that word of yours

A tsietuw bwa auwe Amea Togit Omo ñea wõn Gott Mark 1:24 I know of you that you are the Most Righteous One of God	A tied uw bwe awe yegen : amea Ebwigagain God Mark 1:24 1976 I know of you that you are who: the holy one of God
bwũ ũra memak re tsiet ñana dei Grecia etõñin Ac 16:3 for they all knew that his father was Greek	re tied ngana heidet etongin amea Ac 16:3 1976 they knew that his father was a Gentile
ñaga rõ kaiõt bwõ õ kakairũ a ũra ian kakairũ n Ebrãer Act 22:2 when they heard that he spoke to them in the Hebrew language	ngaga ro kaiyot bwe torereiy a ura bita edorer ngea hebrew Ac 22:2 when they heard that he spoke to them in the Hebrew language
eimwi bwa Abner enim ima tekei an ima ekabaãt? 2Sa3:33 should Abner die as a fool dieth?	A ũge ian būriõ bwe eimwi bwa A nimõ ririñ imin ñan ebak in iwitsiow egen Jesu dei Nazareth Acts 26:9 I said in my heart (I was convinced) that it is right that I should do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth

62. Use of the conjunction 'bwe'.

'bwe' has a wide range of meanings according to context.

1. to join a subordinate clause to a main clause, 'because, for the reason that, for'.
It can also appear with the form '*bwina* (*bwe ina*)'.
2. With reported speech and after mental verbs.
3. In contrasive clauses: but
4. 'so that, in order to, "to" infinitive clauses'.
5. Used in clauses of enumeration
6. 'bwi ita, bwe ita', 'just, except, save', as a conjunction used before a statement that forms an exception to one just made.
7. 'bwe dõgin, bwe dogin, dõgin bwe, dogin bwe', purpose or a reason for something: on account of, because of, for.
8. 'bwe añõg, bwe angog-', about X.
9. 'eaden bwe', until.

63. Impersonal use of 3rd Person.

A sentence with a 3rd Person Dependent Pronoun at the head can be used to signify an impersonal actor.

Example:

In 44, ‘amen makur ñea ã õmarũmwi’,
 ‘the worker whom he hires’, ‘the worker whom one hires’, ‘the worker whom they hired’
 or in English it can be rendered by a passive construction: ‘the worker who is hired’.

In 48, ‘eogiten oereri an on awe’,
 ‘he/she/it had instructed you by it’, ‘one had instructed you by it’, they had instructed you by it’,
 or in English it can be rendered by a passive construction: ‘you had been instructed by it’.

64. Denasalization before diphthongs ‘ea’ .

When word final /n/ is followed by word initial diphthong ‘ea-’ (i.e. *ɛa-*), word final /n/ is denasalized to /t/ and the glide vowel is dropped, i.e.:

In example 49,

ean + eaden > *eat aden*

In the 1918 Bible ‘*ean + eñame* [i.e. ‘*ɛañame*’] > ‘*eat eñame*’, whereas in the 1976 NT it is ‘*eat angame*’.

In the 1918 Bible ‘*ean + eñõg* [i.e. ‘*ɛañõg*’] > ‘*eat eñõg*’, whereas in the 1976 NT it is ‘*eat angog*’.

65. Male Demonstrative Numeral.

The Male Demonstrative Numeral is limited to 2 and 3 and is composed of fusing the marker for ‘male’, ‘*amen*’, to the pre-existing fused Animate Numeral set based on ‘*amen*’, Animacy Marker (See Section 12.1.).

In Example 56, ‘*amerumene*’, ‘these two males/men’, ‘*amerumene*’ is the proximal form of the male demonstrative numeral for ‘two’.

Table 26. Male Demonstrative Numeral.

Number	Proximity	End Form	Syncopated Form
Two males	Proximal	amerumene	None
	Medial	amerumena	None
	Distal	amerumeno	None
Three males	Proximal	ametiymene ameitsijimene ametijimene	ametimene ameitsimene
	Medial	ametiymena ameitsijimena ametijimena	ametimena ameitsimena
	Distal	ametiymeno ameitsijimeno ametijimeno	ametimeno ameitsimeno

For more information, see “Nauruan Demonstratives” by the present writer (www.academia.edu/108407672).

66. Velar Nasal Intrusion.

In Example 58, ‘*oiyangen*’, ‘already given to.../already allowed’ is an exaple of Velar Nasal Intrusion.

Velar Nasal Intrusion is triggered in a number of environments.

(a) Where a verb that is governed by the adposition ‘ea, a’ is modified by the addition of the Perfective Aspect Suffix, the Perfective Aspect Suffix is shifted from the end of the verb to the end of the adposition some phonological changes take place :

In cases where the recipient of the action in 1st or 2nd Person Singular, the Perfective Aspect Suffix is attached directly to the adposition, i.e.:

V + ame + -en > V + amen

V + aw + -en > V + awen

In the case of the 3rd Person Singular, the Velar Nasal Infix occurs between the adposition and the Perfective Aspect Suffix, i.e.:

V + a + -en > V + angen

This pattern is followed with the Plural recipients, i.e.:

V + ea + kamuror + -en > V + angen kamuror

V + ea, a + uror + -en > V + angen uror

V + ea, a + ureiy + -en > V + angen ureiy

V + ea, a + ura + -en > V + angen ura

(b) Velar Nasal Intrusion is associated with plural pronouns, and plural possessive endings:

Example 135, '*amie mwang ouge ngana...*', 'you yourself say that...'

Example 151, '*deideimiengin meg*', 'your manner of living'

Example 242, '*bue amañ 'um ta keramen inne*', 'so that we may just play here'

Example 247, '*amañ õrren*', 'we have now come'.

67. Classifier 7[18/19].

In Example 60, '*abuätit egän*' is the quantitative question word for Classifier 7[18/19], 'how many objects of Classifier 7[18/19]?', Classifier 7[18/19] '*bwetsi, bweti/mwetsi, mweti*', 'long and flexible objects'.

The basic form of the quantitative question word is '*ägen, egen*', but when it is associated with a classifier, it is preceded by the appropriate Numeral Particle, which is formed thusly:

a- + classifier + -n

As the final /n/ of the Classificatory Numeral Particle is followed by the high vowel of '*ägen, egen*', denasalization occurs, so that all the Classificatory Numeral Particles end in /t/, i.e.:

abwetin + egen > abwetit egen

68. Inclusory Pronoun.

To show the participants in an event, English uses two main strategies. In the one, the participants are joined by the conjunction ‘and’:

he and his friend

the other or with the preposition ‘with’:

with his friend/and his friend with him

Rather than using coordination (‘and’) or addition (‘with’) Nauruan uses an inclusory strategy, whereby the participants are expressed using the appropriate group pronominal (the total set of participants) followed by the subset of the participant/s, i.e. inclusory pronoun juxtaposed with subset noun phrase.

In Example 71, *‘tin iö o buitega me mar ekowon amed’*: literally: ‘if by chance you two meet up that man’, i.e. ‘if by chance you and that man meet up’.

The Inclusory pattern also seems to be at work in Example 118,

‘bwe enim ere [sic; eare] egoror eita Maria ngea oeiden’, literally: ‘so that one should write their (dual) names that woman Mary the one who is his betrothed’, i.e. ‘so that his name and Mary’s, his betrothed, should be recorded’.

69. *angame* Demonstrative.

In Example 74, *‘o gaida nameta Akoro’*, ‘that Akoro came down’.

The actual paraphrase given by Kayser to the above sentence is “now the stupid Akoro had to come” which might indicate that the *angame* Demonstrative had a pejorative connotation.

Table 29. ‘*angame*’ Demonstrative (Secondary Singular Male Demonstrative).

Proximity ↓	Composition	Fused form	Syncopated Form
Proximal	<i>angame</i> + <i>eune</i>	<i>angametune</i>	Unattested
Medial	<i>angame</i> + <i>euna</i>	<i>angametuna</i>	<i>angameta</i>
Distal	<i>angame</i> + <i>euno</i>	<i>angametuno</i>	Unattested

'*angame*' is the word for 'person, man'. This element is fused with the Augmented General Demonstrative Simple Singular forms.

Proximal

angame + in + eune > angamet une [in accordance with the Nauruan denasalization phonological process]

Medial

*angame + in + *euna > angamet una* [in accordance with the Nauruan denasalization phonological process]

↓

angameta [via syncope]

Distal forms

angame + in + euno > angamet uno [in accordance with the Nauruan denasalization phonological process]

70. 'ghost' Vowel.

Where a verb (or a pre-verb word) heads a verb phrase and the verb has no overt person marker, it is by default 3rd Person, but the translators overcompensate by often putting a 'ghost' vowel to indicate it is a 3rd Person actor.

So, in Example 75, '*eg keken ñan e enwinõn ũra*', 'what names that he calls them by',

ñan e emwinõn ũra = ñan emwinõn ũra

71. Unexpected Denasalization.

In Example 92, '*iat hell*', either has an underlying '*iat ehell*' or by convention borrowed words attract the denasalized form of '*ian*'.

72. Male Demonstrative Set, Plural Forms.

The Male Specific Demonstrative Set, Plural Forms are fused forms based on two markers: '*amen*', fused with '*bun*'; this animate plural marker '*bun*' has already been met with the Animate Demonstrative Set, Plural Forms (Note 40).

So, in Example 93, '*adaga naga ouge amebuna amen etar*', 'why now say those scribes...', '*amebuna*' means 'those males there'

Table 30. Male Demonstrative Set, Plural Forms.

Proximity ↓	Composition			Fused Form	Syncopated Form
	Male marker	Animate Plural Marker	Spatial Suffix		
Proximal	amen	bun, būn	ne	amebune, amebūne	ambine, bune
Medial	amen	bun, būn	na	amebuna, amebūna	ambina, buna
Distal	amen	bun, būn	no	amebuno, amebūno	ambino, buno

73. ‘amen’ Marker.

As can be seen with Note 40 and Note 72 the marker ‘amen’ in this study is analyzed as having two functions.

Hodges (Hodges 2020:264) - who phonemicizes ‘(a)men’ as [-mjən] - suggests that it is the reflex of Proto-Micronesian *manu, ‘living creature’. In this study it is suggested ‘amen’ was first used as an Animacy Marker (without regard to gender), hence its present in the Animate Demonstrative Set where it is glossed as ‘ANIM’.

However it appears that at a later stage of Nauruan it was re-analyzed to mean ‘male’, as with the oft-used determiner phrase ‘amen + N or V’, ‘man for X, man associated with X’. In this newer, restricted meaning of ‘male’, further developments occurred in the demonstratives, whereby the element ‘amen’ (which by now only had its modern meaning of ‘male’) was suffixed to the General Demonstrative: Augmented Simple forms for the singular and to the Animate Plural marker ‘bun’ for the plural forms to produce male-specific demonstratives (Section 22), and ‘amen’ was suffixed to the pre-existing Animate Demonstrative Numerals to produce male-specific demonstrative numerals (Note 65), and in these cases ‘amen’ is glossed as ‘MALE’.

74. Adposition ‘ea-’, ‘on’.

The adposition ‘ea-’ ordinarily means ‘on...’, but can also have a partitive sense.

In Example 56, '*wo nim ñmeata ñea wo eij ean amerumene*', 'you must show the one whom you choose of these two men'

In Example 95, '*tamo eamiã ñea eteñ*', 'any of you'

75. Classifier 11[7].

In Example 96, '*ngea oreita retineiy engog eiyyine*', 'the one who reads this word', 'eiyyine' is the proximal basic form of the demonstrative for Classifier 11[7] '*eiji, eiyyi*', 'words'.

In Example 100, '*engog eiyyin*', 'a word', 'eiyyin' is the Indefinite Determiner for the Classifier 11[7].

In Example 101, '*mineiyina aen*', 'that word', '*mineiyina*' is the medial non-emphatic I form of the demonstrative for Classifier 11[7].

76. Inverted Possessive Order in Alienable Possessive Phrases.

In complex possessive phrases involving alienable possession (i.e. using either the General Possessive Classifier or the Relative Possessive Classifier), or where the Possessor is a person identified by name, an inversion of word order can occur.

The usual word order with alienable possession is:

Possessive Classifier + Possessum + Possessor

Possessum being the thing possessed, Possessor being the one possessing.

However, in complex possession or one involving a personal name, inversion can take place, i.e.

Possessive Classifier + Possessor + Possessum

In Example 97, '*an Jehova ririñ ame*', 'Jehovah's doing to me', instead of '*an riring ame Jehovah*'.

In Example 120, '*wõn Gott Kristo*', 'the Christ of God'

In Example 231, '*an Gott auwã gada*', 'God's loving us/God's love for us'

77. 'ion o'.

The expression 'ion o ion' or 'ion o' means 'each one', or 'one by one'. 'ion' of its own is the General Indefinite Determine 'a, an'.

In Example 115, 'ion o enaña an tekawa'. 'each of went to his city'.

78. Classifier 23[22].

In Example 135, 'etang mwarina', 'mwarina' is the medial simple form of the Demonstrative for Classifier 23[22] 'mwari', 'bigger parts'

79. Classifier 12[5].

In Example 153, 'mūwena ark', 'that ark (Noah's Ark)', 'mūwena' represents the medial non-emphatic II form of the Demonstrative for Classifier 12[5] 'eo', 'trough-shaped objects, canoes, card, airplanes'.

However, it appears that this is either an error or an indication that there was an ongoing process whereby the demonstrative forms of Classifiers 12[5] and 27[6] were becoming melded or confused. This process was also noted by Johnson 2002, that some of her informants were somewhat confused (Johnson 2002 :178,179).

Below are the Demonstrative tables for both Classifier 12[5] and Classifier 27[6]:

Table 31. Demonstratives for Classifier 12[5], 'eo', 'trough-shaped objects'.

	Classifier form and meaning	Spatial location	Simple	Emphatic	NEI	NEII
12(5)	eo [e'o] trough-shaped objects	Proximal	one	ngaeone/ngaione	mineone	mueone meone/mione
		Medial	ona	ngaeona/ngaiona	mineona	mueona meona/miona
		Distal	ono	ngaeono/ngaiono	mineono	mueono meono/miono

Table 33. Demonstratives for Classifier 27[6], 'qe, oä, oe', 'plants, vegetation'.

27(6)	qe/oä [o'e] plants, vegetation	Proximal	oene	ngaoene/ngoene	minoene	muoene/muene/ muwene
		Medial	oena	ngaoena/ngoena	minoena	muoena/muena/ muwena
		Distal	oeno	ngaoeno/ngoeno	minoeno	muoeno/mueno/ muweno

80. Animate Demonstrative Numeral.

In Example 173, ‘mürümena’ is the medial non-emphatic II form of the animate demonstrative numeral for ‘two’, used where the gender is not specified.

Table31. Animate Demonstrative Numeral.

		Simple	Emphatic	NEI	NEIII
One (suppletive) <i>Taken from General Demonstrative set</i>	Proximal	une	ngune ñune ñune	mitune	bitune
	Medial	ia	ngea ñea ñea	mituna	bita
				Syncopated form	
				mita	
	Distal	uno	nguno ñuno ñuno	mituno	bituno

Two	Proximal	rumene	ngarumene ñarumene	minrumene minirumene	NEII murumene mūrumene
	Medial	rumena	ngarumena ñarumena	minrumena minirumena	murumena mūrumena
	Distal	rumeno	ngarumeno ñarumeno	minrumeno minirumeno	murumeno mūrumeno
Three	Proximal	iyimene jimene imene	ngaiyimene ñaijimene	miniyimene minijimene	muiyimene mūijimene
					Syncopated form
					miyimene mijimena
	Medial	iyimena jimena imena	ngaiyimena ñaijimena	miniyimena minijimena	muiyimena mūijimena
					Syncopated form
					miyimena mijimena
	Distal	iyimeno jimeno imeno	ngaiyimeno ñaijimeno	miniyimeno minijimeno	muiyimeno mūijimeno
					Syncopated form
					miyimeno mijimeno
Four	Proximal	amene	ngamene ñamene	minamene	muamene mūamene
	Medial	amena	ngamena ñamena	minamena	muamena mūamena
	Distal	ameno	ngameno ñameno	minameno	muameno mūameno
Ten (Suppletive)	Proximal	oāaḡe	ñoāaḡe	minioāaḡe	mḡoāaḡe
	Medial	oāaḡa	ñoāaḡa	minioāaḡa	mḡoāaḡa
	Distal	oāaḡo	ñoāaḡo	minioāaḡo	mḡoāaḡo
Twenty (Suppletive)	Proximal	rumaeḡe	ñarumaeḡe	minirumaeḡe	mḡurumaeḡe
	Medial	rumaeḡa	ñarumaeḡa	minirumaeḡa	mḡurumaeḡa

	Distal	rumaeo	narumaeo	minirumaeo	murumaeo
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81. Points of the Compass.

The translators of the 1918 Bible had a problem with the points of the compass as the pre-colonial Nauruans did not have the concept of a compass with its headings of N, S, E and W.

The traditional Nauruan travel was mainly along the coast (NG222,223), and the direction was based on the traditional strike points of the trade wind, so you either travelled ‘apwijuw’ or ‘apwewa’.

If you travelled inland, you went ‘apoe’ (which seems to include the Nauruan word for the interior of the island, ‘oe’).

If you travelled from any place in the island to the sea, you travelled ‘apago’.

The 1918 Bible translators adapted the four Nauruan words listed above .

pwijuw:

The adverbial form is ‘apwijuw’. This seems to be formed of two elements, the adverbial ‘a-, an-’, ‘at, on, close by, bordering on’ (NG195), and ‘pwijuw’, which either historically or coincidentally contains the element *ijuw*. ‘pwijuw’ is spelt *puijuw* by Kayser in *Nauru Grammar* .

pwijuw is the place in Ijuw District where in pre-colonial days there was an upright stone marker, as it was traditionally where the Easterly Trade Winds first struck (NG223)

Traditionally, if you travelled along the coast at any point from the stone marker at Yangor (Aiwo District) - i.e. *pwewa* - to the stone marker at *Ijuw*, you traveled towards ‘pwijuw’.

The only exception was at Buada, where the term ‘pwijuw’ had a different sense (see Kayser’s directional map below).

The 1918 Bible translators used arbitrarily ‘pwijuw’ for South. The 1976 New Testament uses the English term South except on one occasion (Matt 12:42) when ‘pwiyuw’ is used.

In *Nauru Grammar* there is one example:

rodu puijuw in aeae NG194 went east to see, go down (to) *pwijuw* to see

pwewa:

The adverbial form is 'apwewa'. This seems to be formed from two elements, the adverbial 'a-, an-', 'at, on, close by, bordering on' (NG195), and 'pwewa'. 'pwewa' is recorded as *pawa* by Kayser in *Nauru Grammar*.

pwewa is the place in Yangor (Aiwo District) where in pre-colonial days there was an upright stone marker, as it was traditionally where where the Westerly Trade Winds first struck (NG223).

Traditionally, if you travelled along the coast at any point from the stone marker at Ijuw to the stone marker in Yangor, you travelled towards 'pwewa'.

The only exception was at Buada, where the term 'pwewa' had a different sense (see Kayser's directional map below).

The 1918 Bible translators arbitrarily used 'pwewa' for North. The 1976 New Testament uses the English term North.

In *Nauru Grammar* there are several examples:

apawam [sic] NG191 westward, west of
 eñin in pawa NG194 wind from the west, wind of *pawa*
 äok inno pawa NG208 sets there in the west, is sets there (at) *pawa*
 a öreita kanakani a amätimena eoniñ areij oñow pawa NG211 I am looking at the three boys
 there who are going west/going to *pawa*.

poe:

The adverbial form is 'apoe'. This seems to be formed from two elements, the adverbial 'a-, an-', 'at, on, close by, bordering on' (NG195), and 'poe', the inland part of Nauru, which seems to include the Nauruan word 'oe', the interior of the island.

The 1918 Bible translators arbitrarily used 'poe' for East. The 1976 New Testament uses the English term East.

Nauru Grammar lists 'apoe' once, with the gloss 'inland' (NG191).

The 1976 New Testament uses the phrase 'edogen ina edioda ekwan', 'towards where the sun rises' once (Re 21:13).

apago:

The adverbial form is *'apago'*. This seems to be formed from two elements, the adverbial *'a-*, *an-*, 'at, on, close by, bordering on' (NG195), and *'pago'*, on the sea shore. This may historically include the word *'mago'*, open sea.

The 1918 Bible translators arbitrarily used *'apago'* for West. The 1976 New Testament uses the English term West.

Nauru Grammar lists *'apago'* as 'on the seaward side of the island, at the beach' (NG191) and gives possessive forms:
pago, on the sea side of me; *pagom*, on the sea side of you; *pagon*, on the sea side of him/her etc. (NG195)

The 1976 New Testament uses the phrase *'edogen ina eag ekwan'*, 'towards where the sun sets' once (Re 21:13).

Camilla Wedgwood gives a different interpretation to *'apwijuw'* and *'apwewa'*. In her series of two articles in the journal *Oceania*, she states (part 1, page 370):

"On the eastern side stands a rather large outcrop of rock ...at a place called Ganokoro [Ijuw District]. On the west coast, on the foreshore...is another place called Arijeijen[Denigomodu District] . These two spots mark the two important points of the compass, the place of sunrise and the place of sunset. To go in the direction of Ganokoro is *apwijuw* or eastwards; to go in the direction of Arijeijen is *apwewa* or westwards."

82. Denasalization following directional ‘*iow, eow*’.

When a verb is followed by the directional ‘*iow, eow*’, denasalization takes place but the initial glide vowel is dropped, i.e.

Example 198, *omwatowen turin*, made wise by > *omwan + iow + -en*

83. Denasalization of the Success Suffix ‘*wõñ, wong*’.

When the Successful Outcome Suffix ‘*wõñ, wong*’ is followed by

(a) the Directional Particle ‘*eow, iow*’,

(b) the Perfective Aspect Suffix ‘*-en*’

denasalization occurs, i.e. ‘*wotow*’, ‘*woten*’.

In the case of (a), *wõñ/wong + iow*, the initial high glide vowel is dropped, i.e.

$V + -wong + iow > V + -wotow$

In Example 210, ‘*ang um timor wotow ean*’, ‘by which we might successfully live’,

‘*wotow*’ < *wong + iow*.

When the Successful Outcome Suffix *-wong* modifies a verb and the Perfective Aspect Suffix is then added to the modified verb, denasalization occurs, i.e.:

$V + -wong + -en > V + -woten$

So, ‘*or eed woten*’, ‘the two of them/both of them have already successfully seen it’.

This denasalization also occurs with verbs that have become fused with *wong*, such as ‘*oiyuwong*’, ‘to recognize’. i.e.

In Example 138, ‘*oiyuwoten*’ < *oiyuwong + -en*.

This denasalization also occurs when ‘*wong*’ acts as an independent verb, i.e.:

a wori NG179 I am successful

a woten NG179 I was successful

84. Classifier 6[32].

In Example 244, ‘*abueret egä[t] eñä*’, ‘how many baskets of shingle’, ‘*abueren*’ is the Numeral Particle for Classifier 6[32] ‘*bwer*’, basketful’

85. Verbs Requiring Possessive Suffixes.

There are a number of verbs in Nauruan that require a possessive suffix to reflect the agent.

In Example 289, 'bwe re nim otoburōra', 'so that they should kneel', the agent 'they [re]' is echoed by the possessive suffix '-(ō)ra [their]'.

A number of these verbs appear to be recent formations (in historical linguistic terms), as they are verbal phrases that have become verbalized. So, 'otoburōra' is 'oto' V + 'bur-' N + '-(ō)ra Possessive Suffix.

Other verbs include:

'gōrōmwimw', rush to meet
 'oniñ', afraid, dismayed
 'owaroñ', boast, defiant owarongeo
 'winba', rebel, revolt

86. 'imiton'.

'imiton' is a contraction of

imin + ion

87. Immediative Aspect is discussed in a separate study, see 'Nauruan Immediative Aspect' by the present author.

88. Progressive Aspect is discussed in a separate study, see 'Nauruan Progressive Aspect' by the present author'

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